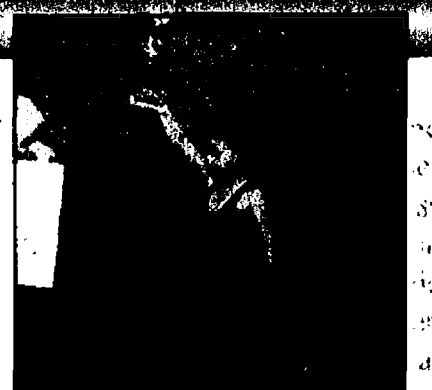




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## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

### Legion ladies begin campaign of support

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Members of the local American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 have begun a campaign to help show support for our troops serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are now selling bumper stickers, as shown above (at a much smaller size) for \$3 each and are helping to bring back the tradition of the "Blue Star Service Pin."

Blue Star Service lapel tack pins became popular during World War I and World War II. Created by the American Legion in 1917, the pins were given to mothers of those serving in battle to wear proudly, and to bring awareness of the sacrifices being made to make the world safe for democracy.

Back then, these pins and small window banners were available with the number of stars appropriate to represent each serving member of the family.

For this local campaign, the Auxiliary can only offer Blue Star lapel pins containing one



Pin's actual size:  
1/4-inch by 3/4-inch

star at a price of \$8 each. The pin measures 1/4-inch by 3/4-inch and is red, white, and blue with gold trim.

Auxiliary members encourage more than just moms to purchase and wear a lapel pin. Anyone who has a loved one serving in any branch of the military is welcome to wear a Blue Star pin to help remind us of those fighting so far away and others working stateside in support of those on the front lines.

To purchase bumper stickers or Blue Star Service pins, send a check or money order in the appropriate amount, along with name and address, to: American Legion Auxiliary Post #106, 3096 Rasmus Drive, Grayling, MI 49738; or order from any Auxiliary member.

Any questions may be directed to Jeri Selthoffer at 344-2129.

### Second grade students learn pet grooming



Fifteen second-graders from AuSable Primary visited Jan Andrews, owner of Northern Tails to learn more about pet care. They have been studying pet care in their Exploration Club and on this visit to Northern Tails they learned how to clip nails, and how to bathe their pets. Andrews stressed they should never attempt to groom their pet without the supervision of an adult. Andrews' dog, Abby, was pretty laid back about the process while the students helped Andrews wash and dry her. Exploration Clubs allow students to pursue their interests and learn about careers while their teachers meet to align the curriculum and plan lessons together. Exploration Clubs are taught by people who have a special interest in the topic.

### United Way meets 2003 goal

► Raffle, CARE  
Night auction,  
employee groups  
help raise \$60,000

The Crawford County United Way announced last week it had met its goal for the 2003 campaign, raising more than \$60,000.

The success of the 2003 campaign has been largely attributed to community participation with two fund-raisers -- the CARE Night 2003 Auction and the Chamber/United Way \$20,000 raffle and dinner.

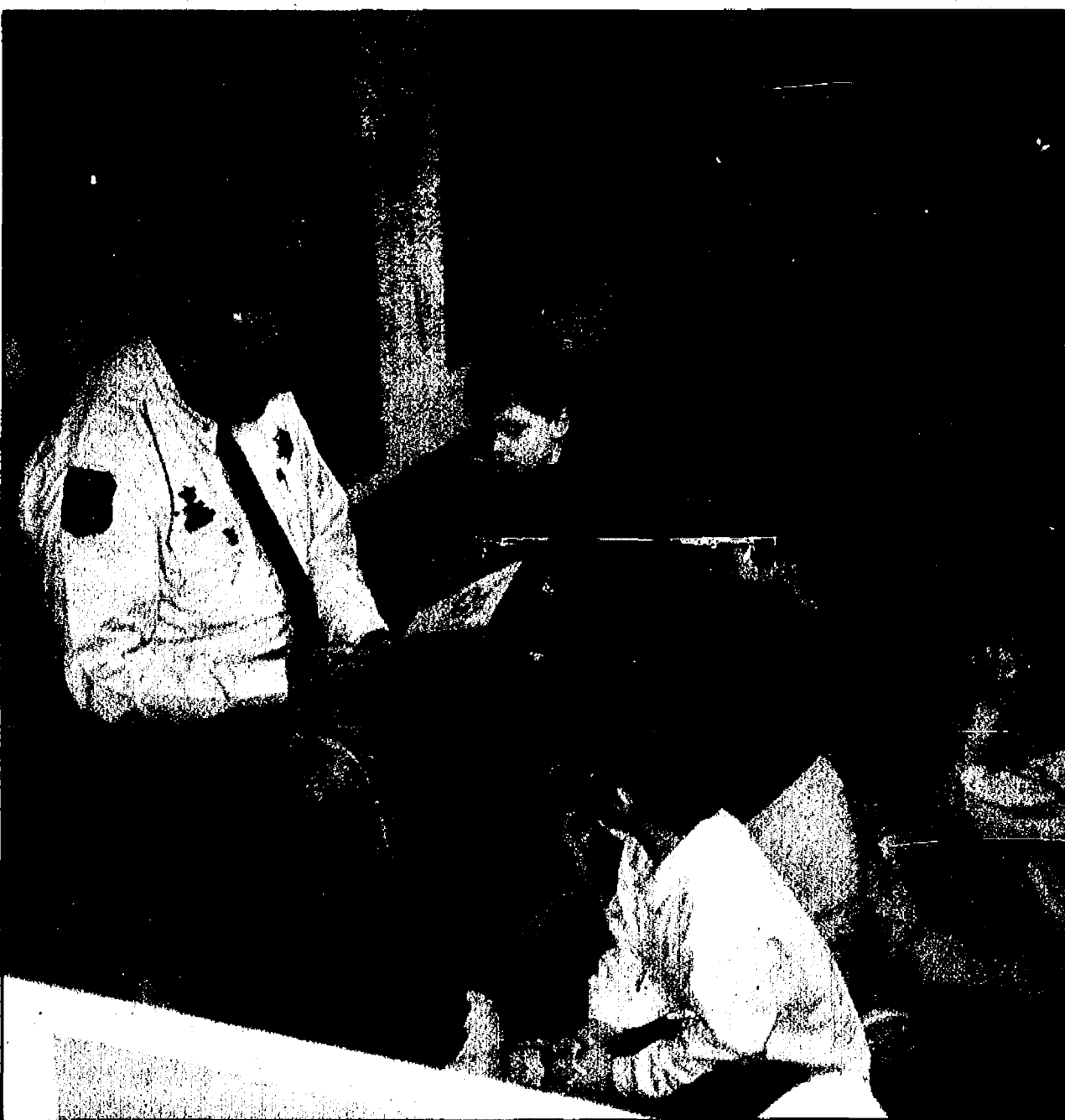
"We couldn't have done this without this community and major local contributors like Camp Grayling personnel, Mercy Hospital, DTE Energy, and Weyerhaeuser," said Executive Director April Brunger.

"It never ceases to amaze me how much this community is willing to give when they see a need," Brunger commented. "With Crawford County United Way helping to fund 16 local agencies, it's really wonderful how many Crawford County citizens will benefit from your donation. Our agency addresses issues such as substance abuse, domestic violence, child care

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### Sheriff caught reading to Head Start



Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reads *Are You My Mother?* to the Frederic Head Start students. Before he was allowed to read the book, the 14 students all introduced themselves and asked him questions. As the Sheriff read the book he showed the students the pictures and asked them questions. Wakefield's visit was part of the Crawford County Republican Party's Read to Me Committee program. The committee will have eight guest readers visit this year. At the end of each visit, each student is given a book to take home to begin building their own library.

### Youth behavior at library of concern

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Late Monday afternoon, Grayling Police were called to hear a complaint from a mother who stated her son was assaulted at the library. The incident is just one of many complaints of improper behavior by local kids at the one-year old state-of-the-art facility.

District #6 Crawford County Commissioner Rick Anderson, who serves as the county's liaison to the Library Board, aired his concerns about the misbehavior to his fellow commissioners last week at their regular meeting.

Anderson said staff members at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library seem to have lost their standing as authority figures to some of the kids using the library between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. -- the hours between when school lets out and when parents get off of work and pick their children up at the library.

Commissioner Anderson stated many volunteers have complained and some have even quit because the kids are showing a total lack of respect for staff, volunteers, library property, and the rights of other children.

Though details of the recent alleged assault by one school-aged boy on another were not available, other incidents reported to have occurred at the library include an elderly volunteer

being shoved and knocked down; a library board member being verbally assaulted; access of sexually explicit material on library computers, intense public displays of affection in the teen area of the library; and general disregard of the rules.

Anderson suggested a police officer be posted at the library during the hours when most offenses are occurring. Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said his officers stop in the library occasionally on routine patrols, but would not consider posting one of them at the library.

"If the kids are breaking the rules and refuse to leave when they are told, then the staff needs to give us a call. We will be happy to respond," Chief Schreiner said.

"Parents whose children use the library need to know that we are not a school or latchkey service," said Library Director, Edward Elsner. "Our policy regarding children is very clear and is in place for your child's safety."

The library policy reads:

1. Crawford County Library, nor any of its Branch Libraries, accepts no responsibility for unattended children on library premises.

2. Parents or adult caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior. (See Code of Behavior - Policy No. 410)

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## "Letters from Home"

The Crawford County Avalanche invites the parents and loved ones of active duty U.S. military members -- serving stateside or overseas, in any branch of the military -- to submit the mailing addresses of those service members for publication in upcoming editions of our newspaper.

At the suggestion of one of our readers, a listing of such addresses will be published each week, allowing our readers to "adopt" a soldier, sailor, or airman by writing them "Letters from Home."

The Letters from Home campaign is our way of saying "Thank You" to the men and women serving our nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. We strongly encourage participation to allow each of our local service members to receive words of encouragement and news from the home front.

Help brighten the day of those who serve by allowing the community to write Letters from Home.

Please submit addresses by mail to the Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling MI 49738; by fax at (989) 348-6806; or drop them off at our office located at 102 Michigan Avenue in Grayling. An after-hours mail slot is located on the bottom of the inner door for your convenience.

### Letters From Home Addresses:

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# DDA vote at least 60 days away

## ► City council conducts meeting, public hearing on DDA issue

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council recently conducted two meetings dedicated to the proposed creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in Grayling -- an informational meeting on March 12 and a public hearing on March 19 -- and the city must now wait 60 days before voting on the establishment of a DDA.

A DDA is a tool that can be used to revitalize a business district through planning and by generating funds to be used for capital improvements within the DDA district. DDAs in general are funded through Tax Increment Financing (capture of increases in property tax value within the district), grants, bonding, contributions from the governing body creating the DDA, and/or millage (the city council can approve up to two mills within the DDA district).

Each of the two DDA meetings earlier this month had over 30 people in attendance. The March 12 meeting, facilitated by repre-

sentatives of Gosling-Czubak -- the city's engineering firm -- included time for questions and answers and gathering of input from audience members. The March 19 public hearing -- a step in the DDA formation process required by law -- was mostly for input.

On March 12, the meeting facilitators asked the audience several questions and kept track of the answers. Questions included: 1) What should the city do to improve the downtown area? 2) What vehicles could the city use to accomplish these changes? 3) What are the pros and cons of establishing a DDA in Grayling? 4) What are the positive attributes of Grayling?

Citizens also spoke out and asked questions during a free comment period.

Mayor Dave Wyman said the March 12 meeting was "well-attended" and "successful."

The city opened its March 19 public hearing with a recap of the March 12 meeting, presented by Gosling-Czubak.

During the public comment session, about a dozen different people spoke up, and the mayor read two letters sent to the city with regard to the DDA issue.

There was division concerning the size of the proposed DDA district -- some felt it would be

better to start with a large district (as proposed) and shrink it later if need be, and others thought a district too large could limit city finances down the road by capturing too much of its tax revenue growth.

(The tax revenue capture would only be an issue, potentially, if a TIF plan is established. At the March 12 meeting, representatives of Gosling-Czubak said TIF would not generate much money, especially early in the DDA's life, and a TIF plan may not be worth creating with a Grayling DDA.)

Some said the south I-75 business loop area should not be included in an authority designed to help a "downtown area," and others argued that keeping the district large would put all the businesses "under one umbrella" and help with consistency and a common theme.

Representatives from Mercy Hospital and Family Independence Agency spoke in favor of creating a DDA. "We are highly supportive of a DDA," said Mary Fox of Mercy Hospital. (The hospital is not located within the proposed district, but it is located within the city limits and its employees pay city income tax.)

Fox said a strong community and downtown are significant

factors when it comes to attracting doctors and other health care professionals to the area, "which enhances the hospital's ability to serve patients."

One person, a former member of Roscommon's DDA board, said the DDA worked well there, and another speaker detailed the progress West Branch has made with its business district through formation of a DDA.

After public comment ceased, the council closed the public hearing. By law, the council must wait 60 days after the public hearing before voting on the establishment of a DDA. The 60 days allows area taxing authorities within the district time to "opt out" (not allow its tax revenue to be captured by the DDA through TIF).

The 60-day waiting period expires May 18.

The first regular council meeting after May 18 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27.

The city council isn't obligated by law to act on the DDA formation as soon as the 60-day wait ends -- it can wait longer if it desires.

In the meantime, Mayor Wyman said the city council will continue to accept input on the DDA issue from area residents by mail, phone, or in person at the city office.

# City seeks grant for park project

## ► New restroom facility, bridge, and parking spaces part of proposal

The City of Grayling and its engineering firm, Gosling-Czubak, are currently working on a grant application that could bring in money for significant

city park improvements, including construction of a stand-alone restroom facility, replacement of the park's foot bridge over the AuSable, and construction of 20 paved parking spaces.

The city council was made aware of the grant -- money available from the state's Natural Resources Trust Fund -- in late February. The city conducted a public hearing on March 1 to collect public comment and approve a recreation plan. The approval of the plan was a required part of the application process for the grant.

On March 19, the city conducted another public hearing for the recreation grant, this one to finalize the proposed projects to be included in the grant application.

Representatives of Gosling-Czubak gave a brief recap of the March 1 meeting. They said out of several possible projects, the city park got the most votes, "so now you have to pick what to do at the park."

A public restroom facility -- created through renovation of the old library building or through construction of a stand-alone structure -- was the most popular suggestion for park improve-

ments at the March 1 meeting, according to Gosling-Czubak.

On March 19, the council and members of the audience, which included several members of the city's Parks Committee, extensively discussed both restroom options (library renovation vs. stand-alone structure), and the debate boiled down to cost vs. green space.

The library renovation option was significantly more expensive. Gosling-Czubak estimated that renovating the library -- bringing it "up to code," adding "site and utility improvements," and constructing the restrooms -- would cost about \$270,000 (including engineering costs). Building an independent structure for restrooms was estimated at \$100,000 (not including engineering costs).

Tom Wellman, a member of both the city council and Parks Committee, said he was reluctant to sacrifice a significant chunk of the park's "green space" for restrooms.

In the end, Wellman moved to approve the list of projects for the grant application, with a free-standing restroom structure, with the city's grant match to come

from its income tax fund. The motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Roger Moshier voting "no."

All of the projects included in the city's grant application are: "construction of barrier-free restrooms (independent structure) -- \$100,000, construction of 20 parking spaces (paved) -- \$24,000, shoreline/pathway improvements (includes grading) -- \$66,000, construction of a fishing pier and pilings -- \$20,000, construction of canoe staging sites (includes shore stabilization and river bank improvements) -- \$37,000, construction of 1,200 square foot boardwalk and pilings -- \$54,000, and construction of an 80-foot long pedestrian bridge to replace the existing bridge -- \$122,000."

The total monetary figure on the grant is \$465,300, which includes engineering costs. If the grant is approved, the city will have to pay 25 percent (\$116,325) of the sum in matching funds in order to get the money (\$348,975).

The grant application is due at the end of the month.

## United Way meets 2003 goal

Continued from Page 1A and homelessness... and that's just naming a few."

The Crawford County United Way Board of Directors recently held election of new Executive Officers.

Nancy Hunt was elected President and Don Schanz was elected Vice President. Returning Secretary and Treasurer are Ivah Baggett and Wanda Finkbeiner, respectively. There are still vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving on the board are encouraged to call Edward Elsner at 348-9214 or Diana Stubbe at 348-3414.

The 2004 campaign goal will be set in June and promises to be a very exciting year, Brunger said. Watch for a charity softball game in June with the newly formed Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, challenging the 9 & 10 News team.

To make a donation or offer some input for the 2004 campaign, contact the United Way office at 344-9300, by e-mail to ccuw2002@yahoo.com or mail to: Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

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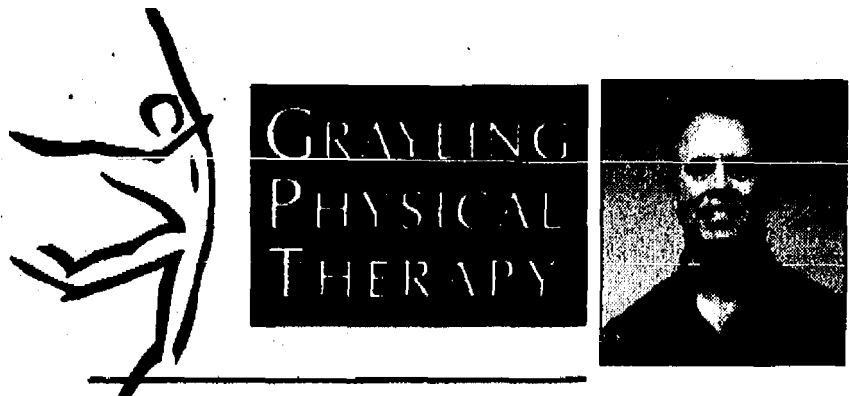
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Deadline is April 28, 2003. Here are some questions to get you started:  
Who is the teacher you best remember? Why? Who is the teacher who inspired you as a person? Who encouraged you to do your best, motivated you and helped you become more successful than you ever thought possible?

I want to thank \_\_\_\_\_ (Teacher's Name) for a job well done. He/she deserves the Golden Apple Award because \_\_\_\_\_ (Complete in 50 words or less)

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Entries must be received by 5 p.m. April 28, 2003. Mail or drop off at:  
The Golden Apple Award, c/o the Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

Newspapers In Education



# River House moves into new facility

► Public invited to Open House scheduled early this summer

After months of hard work, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services has moved into its new building.

Sandy Lewis, volunteer coordinator said: "This would not have been possible without the help of many dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the move a success."

Volunteers Fred and Carol Campbell worked nearly full-time painting portions of the old building on the property. Walter Fleeger spent many hours building beautiful storage shelves in the large pantry and donation rooms. The staff and residents of Shawano Center in Grayling worked on the weekends doing the physical work of moving large items from the old shelter to the new one.

Bill Fenwick performed repair jobs in the old and new parts of the shelter; John and Sharon Huss, along with Kevin Lewis, hung all the blinds, which were donated by Home Depot. Church and civic groups also donated time to the move.

Regular River House volunteers Delores Buell, Marie



Photo courtesy of River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

The commitment and dedication of volunteers like Ward Parker, Mary Parker, and Walter Fleeger made the transition from the old shelter to the new home of River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services an easy and joyful experience for all.

Hatfield and Sam Schoen donated extra time during the transition to help with organizing donations and setting up the storage and donation rooms. Jeanne Cardinal, Mert Brushaber and Marilyn Allison helped to get the kitchen ready for clients.

Subway of Grayling provided

much needed "fuel" for the volunteers and staff with its donation of a six-foot sub on the official moving day.

Rhoda Hacker, River House Director says, "Our move went smoothly because of these dedicated volunteers. We are so grateful for everyone who committed time and energy to this

project."

An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Anyone interested in volunteering time to River House, is asked to call Sandy Lewis, volunteer coordinator, at (989) 348-3169.

## Youth behavior at library of concern

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3. The Library will not function as a babysitting service or day care facility.

4. Safety concerns: (a) Children seven and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. They must remain in the same area of the library as the adult caregiver; (b) Climbing on tables, shelving, or other library furnishings is prohibited. This includes the play area.

5. During programs provided for children, the adults shall be encouraged to remain in the building unless consent is received from the program coordinator to leave the premises; however, the adults must be present when the program is over to pick up the children involved.

6. The staff retains the right to request the parents or responsible adults remove children who are shrieking or boisterous from the library.

7. If a warning is not heeded, the offenders will be asked to leave the library for the rest of the day.

Elsner said the Devereaux Library staff and Library Board members have been working hard to make the library experience enjoyable for all. "To that end, new policies regarding behavior have been implemented and will be enforced," Elsner warned.

The following are rules adopted by the library:

1. Treat others with consideration, kindness and respect.
2. No profane, obscene or injurious language.
3. No inappropriate physical contact.
4. Keep your conversations so they cannot be heard outside of your immediate area.
5. Keep all open food and drink in the meeting room, kitchen, fireplace area, reading

garden or entry.

6. You must be wearing a shirt and shoes.

7. Walk casually in the building (no running).

8. Only one person to a chair with all supports remaining on the floor at all times.

9. A maximum of two people working at a computer at any time.

10. Treat library property with respect, including the buildings, and only take what you have checked out.

11. Play collectible card games outside of the library.

12. Any solicitations on library property must be approved in advance.

13. Maintain your personal hygiene so as not to interfere with others using the library.

14. Smoking and tobacco product usage must be done off library property (Policy No. 403).

15. Use cellular phones outside of the library building (Policy No. 424).

16. Only animals assisting people with disabilities are permitted in the building unless approved by the Director.

17. Stay out of the bookstacks after regular closing hours unless a staff member is with you.

18. Follow all city, township and county rules and ordinances.

"Violation of this policy will subject the offender to one verbal warning," Elsner said. "Should the offender continue to disregard this policy, he or she will be ordered to leave the premises immediately and for the remainder of the day... or longer."

He added, "Let's work together to make this (the library) a safe and wonderful place for all the children of Crawford County."

## Corrections officer named 2003 Officer of the Year

Warden Thomas Birkett, of the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC), recently announced Timothy A. McMillion has been selected Standish Correctional/ Camp Lehman 2003 Officer of the Year.

According to Birkett, Officer McMillion, of Vanderbilt, has proven to be a dedicated employee during his 10-plus years with DOC.

"He is a seasoned professional who has developed proficient skills in many areas of corrections. From rendering assistance during the Adrian riots, to intervening and stopping the assault

of a staff member, to his involvement in recruiting for the DOC, Officer McMillion continues to project a positive role model by continuously seeking to improve the environment in which he and others work and live," said Birkett.

Birkett said McMillion's dedication to the community is also worthy of recognition.

"In addition to meeting the daily challenges of his own family, Tim is an active school board

member, chairs Communication Committees, and volunteers to conduct behavioral modification with the school's at-risk juveniles and defiant youth," Birkett explained. "He also began a non-profit organization and writes grants that benefit over 200 youth in the community and surrounding areas."

McMillion also attends Central Michigan University where he is working towards a Master's Degree in Psychology.



Timothy A. McMillion

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Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling	6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	7:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling	1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.

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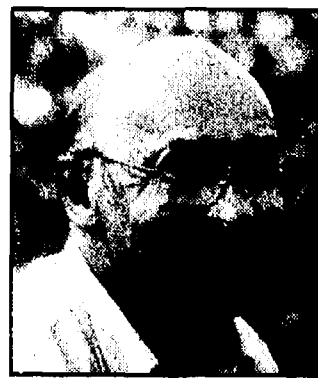
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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Michigan may move up in presidential nominating

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC leaders have been fighting a lonely battle for the past several years to give Michigan a more meaningful role in deciding who runs for president.

The way things stack up now is that primary voters in New Hampshire and caucus goers in Iowa make a lot of the decisions on presidential candidates.

While a relative handful of people in those two small states don't actually make the final choices for president, they have an undue influence on the outcome.

A lot of other states don't think that's fair, and Michigan Democrats are one of the few outspoken opponents who are trying to do something about it.

Senator Carl Levin, with 24 years of U.S. Senate service already under his belt, and just re-elected for another six, has been leading the charge for change.

His efforts four years ago didn't work, but this time around, they might.

He is joined this time by Debbie Dingell, Democratic national committee member and a mover and shaker in Washington on her own -- as well as being wife of U.S. Rep. John Dingell,

the dean of the U.S. House.

Michigan's brand new Democratic governor, Jennifer Granholm, an attractive and articulate national voice in national Democratic circles and widely conceded as having a great future in her party, has jumped aboard, too.

In their statements and actions so far, these three national party power houses promise action.

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE primary for 2004 is scheduled for January 24, 2004, and the Iowa caucuses may be as early as January 19, 2004.

National Democratic leaders are trying to hold the line that no other presidential selection process can be held until February 2004.

The Levin group wants to hold the Michigan Democratic presidential selection caucus before both the Iowa and New Hampshire exercises, no matter when they finally fall.

They will be battling tradition, of course, but their intention is well founded.

The way things have been shaping up lately is that after the first three or four

tests of candidate strength in primaries or caucuses or state conventions or other selection devices, the field of potential presidents winnows swiftly and the nominating process is effectively over early.

Those states which don't get their preferences on the record early are out in the cold as far as having any direct influence on selection of presidential candidates.

Late selecting states also miss out on most of the campaigning and the spending that goes into the campaigning in their states. That's bad for down home business, too.

Democratic hopefuls already have been making regular trips to New Hampshire and Iowa. How many of them have been stumping in Michigan -- except to raise money?

Why do candidates drop out if they miss the boat in early little states like Iowa or New Hampshire?

The big reason is money. It takes a lot of it to campaign across the country, and those candidates who show momentum early attract money. Those who stumble don't.

Popular support switches, too, often following trends shown in early states. Most practicing politicians know how to count.

More power to Senator Levin and his friends in their campaign to make Michigan matter. People in Michigan deserve a chance to have their voices heard

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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS have stuck with the caucus system to make their choice for presidential nominee. Michigan Republicans seem to prefer the presidential primary.

Both methods have weaknesses.

In 2004, Democrats have a bunch of candidates who are fighting for the nomination, while Republicans likely will have only one -- President George W. Bush.

Depending on how the war in Iraq progresses, even more Democrats will emerge, and possibly a few Republican challengers, too.

To have such a lopsided presidential picture is not uncommon. Usually one party or the other has a clear front runner at the outset -- the incumbent president

or vice president in many cases.

The weakness of the presidential primary -- at least in Michigan, where primaries are open to members of either party -- is the cross over vote. Voters in both parties will cross over, not to select the best candidate of the other party, but the worst.

Caucuses are closed affairs, with only committed party members permitted to take part. In itself, this exclusivity shuts out widespread participation by a public where many voters belong to neither party but have an interest in what happens but no means to express that interest.

No system is perfect, but giving two or three states what amounts to a stranglehold on the nomination of presidential candidates, year after year, is not good for the nominating process and not good for the welfare of the country, either.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Audit's high rating result of teamwork

To the editor,

On or before March 31, the auditing firm of Anderson, Tackman and Company will present to the State of Michigan the 2002 Audit Report of Crawford County.

The 2002 report an "unqualified" rating -- the highest rating a county can achieve, meaning no material weaknesses were identified in the County's accounting of finances.

This excellent report is the direct result of team effort by elected officials, department heads and employees.

Several years ago, the County received a multi-page letter of "reportable weakness" and, as a team, we set to work eliminating them. This year we achieved our goal.

Even though revenues are tight, we ended the year \$12,773 in the black. Our expenses for fiscal year 2002 were \$5,043,206, while our revenues and transfers-in were \$5,055,979.

It was a job well done by everyone.

Lynnette Corlew, Chair  
Crawford County Board of  
Commissioners  
Grayling

## Costume ladies need new home

To the editor,

In a community it takes all kinds to make things really work. We have the wonderful people in the Rotary who give not only of their funds to help those in need, but also of their time. There are the folks of the United Way, the Animal Shelter, the River House Shelter, the local nonprofit day care centers, Hanson Hills and the list goes on and on.

There are also people in this community who do little things that make such a huge difference and never ask for any kudos at all.

Three of these people have donated many hours and countless pieces of material and garments to this community for everything from their run-of-the-mill Halloween costume to the parades, Rotary minstrel shows, but especially the Grayling High School musical theatre and dramatic productions.

These three women love to create, sew and design costumes for anyone who comes calling, very rarely taking a dime to do it.

For years they were stationed in the basement of The Emporium downtown, and I'm sure many of us have walked down there for that hard-to-find

item that we couldn't dig up from our own closets. If you are like me, you went down there and you entered a world like no other. A world in which a hat could turn you into a pirate and a leather jacket could turn you into Elvis.

It was fun to just roam around there, not only looking at the regular stage costumes but the specially made ones the ladies created for shows in which many of us were involved. Great shows like "Anything Goes" and "Bye, Bye, Birdy" and "Grease." In fact, they were involved in making costumes for Grayling High School, Roscommon High School, and Kirtland Community College.

They also served by making costumes for choral events and pageants throughout this county and the next. Everywhere I went, their names were synonymous with "costume ladies" and, in my business as a Creative Director for an educational theatre company, that was good to know. They have created every costume for every children's show Acting Up Theatre Company has ever done, from a Mosquito Man superhero to a Tortoise and a Hare.

I am sure some of you out

there have been bothered by these ladies. Now Bonnie French, Marti Gosling, and Terri Gibbons are not going to be in the "basement" anymore. They have two rooms full of costumes (Grayling's memories) they have to remove by the end of the month, but there is really nowhere to put them... yet.

I don't know if anyone out there knows of such a magical place to donate to serve as a home to this community treasure of costumes, but it sure would be a shame not to have it around.

When the women first heard of this predicament, the first thing they wanted to do was donate to the school everything they had collected and created, because those are the kind of people they are. They are also the kind of people who will probably have my head for writing this letter because, as they have done for years, they have never asked for anything. I hope there is someone out there who can help. You can contact Bonnie French at 348-7950 with any offers or inquiries regarding how you can help this worthy cause.

Chad Patterson  
Grayling

## Christians, Muslims should join in prayer

To the editor,

I am watching the live bombing of Baghdad at night. In between the sounds of explosions, I can hear the muezzin's call to evening prayer, coming from the mosques.

None of the commentators on any of the channels I switched to mentioned the prayer call, yet it was for me a poignant reminder of how many ordinary Iraqi men, women and children will be praying for themselves and for their families at this time.

I believe that Christians should join them in praying for a quick end to the fighting with as few

casualties as possible -- and even more, that once we have the upper hand (I have confidence in our military men and women) we bring true peace and justice to their country.

Osama bin Laden is predicting that we will commit atrocities and make Iraq a U.S. colony. The news that our government has already decided which oil companies are going to "get" which parts of the Iraqi oil field would seem to support his accusation. I only hope bin Laden's wrong. I really hope so.

Cathy Lester  
Grayling

## Dance was discriminating

To the editor,

This letter is in regards to the Father/Daughter Dance held at the AuSable Primary School.

I think that this dance should have been more about family instead of what it was about. My main concern is that of all those mothers who were to be excluded from coming to this dance.

I can't believe that something that ignorant would be stated on those letters sent home with our children. What if you were a single parent raising a son/daughter and you so happened to be a woman? Does that mean you couldn't be part of such an

event? Does this mean you will have no such memories with your son/daughter?

Also, what about those families who only have sons? Are there events for those families? I think that this whole issue is an outrage and very discriminating towards all mothers/fathers who raise their children together or alone.

I believe the next time you hold another event, you should include, not exclude families from such an event.

Arnold and Tracy Randall  
Grayling

## The wonderful English language

To the editor,

I believe the correct expression is to "Toe the line." (Re: March 13, "Teenager told to tow the line.") It literally means: "To stand with your toe on the starting line." It is used to mean, "to behave." Can also be used to suggest not to deviate. To be accurate.

Since "spellcheck" on computers are, of course, rather coarse, be careful if you need to write an article about people who lose pets because they run around loose here and there. You may hear from their owners.

An article about a pair of folks who pare pears could also create problems.

By the way, have you read the red book about reeds? It's a good read.

From now on, hope you can toe the line on proofreading accuracy.

Kenn Hildebrand  
Newaygo

Editor's note: Thank you, Mr. Hildebrand for your lighthearted correction and reminding us all of the pitfalls of the English language. Mark Twain once said, "The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug." Or, should I say a firefly? In any case, we stand corrected.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.



# BRIEFS

## Church offers reconciliation mission

The Catholic Church of St. Mary in Grayling will host "Reconciliation for a New Millennium," a parish mission presented by Sabbath Retreats, Sunday through Tuesday, April 6-8 at 6 p.m. each night. Each evening, God's word will be celebrated through story, drama and song lead by Fr. Lou Papes. Everyone is invited to attend regardless of denomination. Bring the whole family. For more information, call 348-7657.

## Scholar to speak about Malaysia

A Fulbright Scholar from Malaysia, Sumitra Sundram, will speak at Kirtland on "The Religions and Cultures of Malaysia" on Thursday, March 27. The public is invited. "Sundram is an excellent speaker who will give us an overview of the Malaysian cultural and religious diversity, interaction and related issues," said Tatyana Puchkova, Kirtland's director of International Programs. The presentation is at noon in Room 15 of the Instructional Center. For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 394. Or visit on line at [www.kirtland.edu/international/intprograms.htm](http://www.kirtland.edu/international/intprograms.htm).

## Friends begin campaign for military

Friends of Crawford County Libraries is now accepting donations to honor the men and women of the U.S. military services. The fund is expected to purchase books, materials, and possibly a computer to be dedicated to military communication such as e-mail between soldiers and their families back home. Books and materials would include topics such as physical fitness and conditioning, historic and political biographies, and other topics of interest regarding the various branches of the armed forces. Mail check or money order to: Friends of the Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

## Dinner to benefit cancer victim

A "Thanks-Giving Feast" is planned in honor of and to benefit Sandy Boersma, local woman battling cancer. Friends and relatives invite the public to join them Saturday, April 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., for a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Eagles Hall in Grayling. Dinner is priced at \$5 per person or \$20 for families up to six members. For more information, call 348-2097.

## Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Indoor skate park closed for season

The indoor skate park at Hanson Hills Recreation Area closed on March 23 for the spring and summer due to a history of low usage during the warmer months. For more information, call 348-9266.

## Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 1 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Homeland Security info on Internet

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides information regarding the best ways for families and individuals to protect themselves in the event of a terrorist attack at its web site: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or by calling 1-800-BE-READY.

## Garden club readying for plant sale

The Grayling Garden Club will be painting pots for the annual plant sale at its next meeting, Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to join in the fun that evening at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. For more information and details regarding items to bring, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

## Pulmonary rehabilitation class offered at OMH

If walking quickly, climbing stairs, or trying a new exercise regimen leaves you gasping for a breath, Otsego Memorial Hospital's Pulmonary Rehabilitation program may help you. The educational and exercise program is designed to benefit people with chronic lung disease.

Some of the most common diagnoses that can benefit from this program are COPD, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma and pulmonary fibrosis. This newly expanded program from the medical professionals at Otsego Memorial Hospital is designed to help people with chronic lung disease manage their condition and improve their functional capacity.

The program is individualized to the needs of each participant, giving them the highest level of benefit possible. Under the direction of the patient's physician and program's medical director, the pulmonary rehabilitation staff carry out the patient's exercise prescription.

Participation in OMH's Pulmonary Rehabilitation program requires a physician referral and will begin on Wednesday, April 2. It will be held in the

classroom of the Professional Medical Building. Contact your family physician to determine if this program is right for you. For general information about this insurance-reimbursed program call Sandra Nemecek at (989) 731-7842.

## WMU musicians coming to Grayling

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's Command Performance Dinner Series will present Western Michigan University's (WMU) Gold Company on Thursday, April 3 in Grayling.

The Gold Company is a jazz show vocal entertainment ensemble from WMU in Kalamazoo. Its members are selected by audition from the college's enrollment of 27,000 students. The group features 16 singers and an instrumental ensemble. Gold Company, which maintains an active performance schedule throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, performs in every style - from vocal jazz and show tunes to hits of today.

The group has been selected seven times as "Outstanding Vocal Jazz Ensemble" by the International Association of Jazz Educators and has produced seven record albums and numerous demo tapes and videos for publishing companies.

Dr. Stephen Zegree, Gold Company Director, is Professor of Music at WMU. Dr. Zegree, an accomplished classical and

jazz pianist, has performed throughout the world as a pianist, conductor, and clinician.

Gold Company performs under the auspices of the School of Music at Western Michigan University, part of the College of Fine Arts. The School, led by Director Richard O'Hearn, enrolls nearly 500 music majors who study with a full-time faculty of 39 artists-professors.

The Command Performance Dinner Series is sponsored by area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

WMU's Gold Company will perform in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$27.50 each and includes a menu of filet of sole in cream sauce or beef stroganoff, rice pilaf, broccoli, salad, rolls, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and tip are also included in the ticket price.

Tickets are available at the Crawford AuSable School District Main Office, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call (989) 348-7146.

## Annual craft show at Mio ready for visitors

The Fourteenth Annual Country at Heart Arts and Crafts Show will be held at Mio AuSable High School April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 100 quality exhibitors will come from all over Michigan bearing a variety of arts and crafts including baskets, dolls, quilts, candles, furniture, floral arrangements, stained glass, sweatshirts, potpourri and tile painting.

There will be musical entertainment throughout the day and

door prizes are given every half-hour.

There will be demonstrations for adults and children and a Kids Make-It/Take-It table where for 25 cents to \$2 kids can make their own crafts.

Lunches and snacks are available at the Country at Heart Café.

Admission is \$1 for adults and is free for children/students.

The craft show is sponsored by Mio AuSable Track and 'Girl's Basketball teams.

## Funds available to help with little league sign-up

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau will be open on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist any applicants wishing to apply for Youth Recreation Assistance Funds, which may be used to pay \$25 toward your child's Little League baseball or softball registration fees.

(Little League's \$45 registration fee is \$25 plus \$20 for two Home Run Cards. Players can either sell the cards for \$10 each to recoup the fundraising fee or

keep the cards for their own use. The cards offer the special deals at area businesses.)

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau is located in the St. Francis Episcopal Church complex at 6459 West M-72 next to the thrift shop.

If you are unable to attend this sign-up day, please stop by the office between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or call the office at 344-3262 to set up an appointment.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

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may be one cause. A spinal column out of alignment may be another. Only a full examination can get to the cause of the problem.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Censor Jesus?

Several towns in California reacted to threats by the ACLU for allowing the name of Jesus to be invoked in opening prayers at city council meetings. Now they face threats of lawsuits for banning the name of "Jesus" from their council meetings.

The Mayflower Compact was the first civil document penned by our forefathers before setting foot on these shores, and they dedicated the future of this country to the glory of Jesus Christ. When our forefathers fought the revolutionary war. They repeatedly claimed to have "No King but Jesus." Our Declaration of Independence ascribed all our unalienable rights to our creator God.

At the drafting of the U.S. Constitution in the summer of 1787, following weeks of inability to agree upon a final draft, eighty-one year old Benjamin Franklin stood and challenged our leaders with these words: "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, (Jesus, words in Matthew 10), is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it. (Psa. 127:1) I firmly believe this. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven, and its

blessing on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning." From that very day our long tradition of prayer before starting each session of the U. S. Senate and House has continued.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."

President Abraham Lincoln said in his Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer on April 30, 1863: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us

then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." It is a very deceitful and deadly thing to discredit or deny the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus warned us in Mark 8:38: "Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Don't be silenced by the Christophobia of this world. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Mercy Manor food drive helps those in need

Each year more than 23 million Americans turn to food pantries and community kitchens to fight hunger. Many of them are the most fragile members of our communities - the elderly or children under the age of 18.

To help combat hunger in communities close to home, members of the Mercy Manor Resident Council recently donated a carload of non-perishable food items to the Christian Help Center.

Part of a month-long food drive, the donation will help feed those in need in Crawford County. The food collection campaign was part of National Canned Food Month in February.

Residents of Mercy Manor, the 40-bed long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling, responded by filling donation boxes at the hospital with several varieties of canned goods, cereals, and other types of non-perishable foods. More than \$380 worth of food items were then delivered to the Grayling Christian Help Center at the end of February.

"The Mercy Manor residents were very happy to be able to participate in this worthwhile campaign," said Cheryl Kiessel, activity Director for Mercy Manor. "This is the first time the residents have done this and they



Mercy Manor resident Lillian Daviskur helps deliver items gathered during the February food drive.

found it very rewarding."

The analysis of Michigan data in the report Hunger in America 2001, conducted for America's Second Harvest, a national food bank network, gives a picture of those who are struggling in our state. They are the ones who turn to food pantries, soup kitchens, or shelters in their times of need. They face tough choices - food or rent, food or medicine, food or heat? Some key findings in the

report show that:

- About 225,000 Michigan residents receive food assistance each week.

- 40.1 percent of needy households include at least one employed adult

- 43.6 percent of the hungry are children under 18 years old

- 6.3 percent of the hungry are elderly

- 5.7 percent of the hungry are homeless.

## Having Coffee with a Friend



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1 Samuel 2:1-10	Ezra 9:5-15	Nehemiah 1:1-11	Jeremiah 32:16-25	Jeremiah 32:26-44	Daniel 9:1-19	Jonah 2:1-10

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Sunday School.....10:30 am

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400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: [www.mmm-umc.org](http://www.mmm-umc.org)  
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Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School -  
Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

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Saturday.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
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Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Church 348-8885  
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Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

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Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
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348-5224  
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Carol Stephan  
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Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church**  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

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Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....9:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
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Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
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348-5325

Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557

Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday.....7 pm

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Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

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## Michigan tornado season is approaching

With the approach of April, the chances for a tornado occurring in northern Michigan increase. Over the last 50-plus years, northwestern lower Michigan has averaged about 3 tornadoes each year whereas the state as a whole has averaged 16 per year. One possible explanation for the low number of tornadoes in northwestern lower Michigan is that the westerly winds from Lake Michigan tends to suppress tornadoes, especially in the spring and early summer months when lake temperatures are relatively cool.

The counties along Lake Huron tend to have three to four times as many tornadoes as the northwestern counties possibly because of the interaction of lake breezes with thunderstorms over that area. The breezes help to

initiate convection by providing a lifting mechanism and affect the low-level wind field in such a fashion as to increase the amount of shear resulting in a more favorable environment for tornado formation.

A study done by the National Weather Service office near Gaylord shows that the number of tornadoes spotted has increased since the 1970's but that the tornadoes are generally weak. The increase is partially attributable to the increased population and storm spotter efforts.

The majority of tornadoes in this area occur in June and July. The most active time of day for tornadoes is during the late afternoon and early evening.

Crawford County has had nine tornadoes since 1973. One in 1975 hit the business district of

Frederic, destroying a store, several trailers and injuring 14 people. Most of the other tornadoes have hit in the southern parts of the county and done some damage to homes but spent most of their time and energy destroying trees. The last reported tornado in the county was 1998.

Although tornadoes are rare everyone should have a plan in case a tornado warning (a tornado has been spotted) is issued.

If your house has a basement, move there and get under a sturdy structure (such as a workbench) or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag to help protect yourself from debris.

For homes with no basement, get to the lowest floor in an area with no windows and protect yourself with some sort of thick padding.

For mobile homes - get out! Get to a tornado shelter or lie flat on low ground away from the mobile home, protecting your head. If possible, use open ground away from trees and cars, which can be blown onto you.

If you are at work or school, be sure to become familiar with the posted building plan and safe shelter location.

If you are caught in a car and the tornado is far away and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of it path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, seek shelter in a nearby building. If there is no shelter, exit the car and lie flat on the ground on the ground, face down. Do not seek shelter under road overpasses because these are places that tend to collect a lot of flying debris.

## Kirtland raises tuition; hike lower than last year's

Kirtland Community College's board of trustees has approved a five percent across-the-board increase per credit hour for the 2003-04 school year. That's a three percent decline from last year's rate hike.

Tuition for in-district students - including residents of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties - will pay \$61.35 per credit hour, up from \$58.40. Out-of-district students will pay \$96.25 compared to \$87.25.

Out-of-state students will pay \$118.90, up from \$113.20, and international students will pay \$136.10 compared to \$129.60.

College administrators emphasized that the increase was not a reaction to drastic reductions in state funding.

Until last year, the college was able to keep tuition rate increases below the rate of inflation in order to allow students to take advantage of certain state tax benefits. But few stu-

dents did so, and the college's budget required an eight percent across-the-board increase last fall to catch up.

Kirtland president Dr. Charles Rorie credited significant increases in enrollment that enabled the college to help offset cuts in state funding.

Rorie said the college plans gradual tuition increases in the future in order to avoid a larger increase in any one year.

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## 83RD DISTRICT COURT

### Sentencings for February 2003

#### Hon. John G. Hunter

Lawrence Alan Hammer Jr., age 41 of Roscommon - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs and \$450 restitution or 71 days in jail.

Daniel Mead McMillan, age 28 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$510 fines/costs or 51 days in jail.

Charles Anthony Martel, age 27 of Cherry Valley - Controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$420 fines/costs or 42 days in jail.

Dennis Lee Stark, age 25 of Grand Rapids - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,040 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Delbert Franklin Case, age 33 of Roscommon - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,020 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, placed on 89 days probation.

Charlene Diane Tobias, age 34 of Grayling - Assault/assault and

battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

John David Beers Jr., age 24 of Flint - Trespass - forbid/refuse to depart; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Nathan Lee Whitney, age 22 of Frederic - Assault/assault and battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Michael Edward Bair, age 52 of Kalkaska - Impaired driving; \$720 fines/costs or 72 days in jail.

Shawn Michael Gleason, age 18 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$500 fines/costs or 48 days in jail, placed on 89 days probation.

Timothy John Hughes, age 28 of Alger - Receive and conceal stolen property under \$200; \$560 fines/costs or 56 days in jail.

Ernest Edward Lanthier, age 36 of Grayling - No proof of insurance, license plates expired; \$195 fines/costs or 19 days in jail.

Joel Landry Woletz, age 26 of Sterling - Alcohol - Selling/fur-

nishing to minor; \$1,630 fines/costs and placed on 181 days probation.

Andrew James Boardman, age 19 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$760 fines/costs or 76 days in jail, placed on 180 days probation.

Matthew Michael Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling - OUIL/per se, attempt to resist/obstruct an officer; \$1,560 fines/costs or 156 days in jail.

Cynthia Annette Britten, age 46 of Grayling - Retail fraud - second degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 21 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Kevin Joe Barnett, age 40 of Grayling - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Michael Lodge Wranesh, age 37 of Eastport - Controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$530 fines/costs or 53 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age

20 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$560 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age 20 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

David Clyde Holzbauer, age 51 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$380 fines/costs or 38 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age 20 of Grayling - Violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4; \$160 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Thomas Allen Hawley, age 53 of Grayling - Snowmobile - operate while license suspended/revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$260 fines/costs.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 56 complaints during the period from March 16 - 23:

Three traffic accidents, three civil infractions, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor citations, one civil, one breaking and entering, one property damage, two motorist assists, three larcenies, four assist other departments, one juvenile, one alarm, three suspicious situations, four disturbing the peace, one drunk driving arrest, 24 unclassified, and one traffic warning issued.

## Bridge, ramp improvements slated for I-75

The Michigan Department of Transportation will soon replace the bridge deck on Marlette Road over I-75 in Otsego County. Entrance and exit ramps on I-75 also will be reconstructed and extended concurrently with the bridge work.

"Traffic will be maintained on the ramps and on Marlette Road during construction," said Bonnie Bussard, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling.

"We'll be working on half of the ramps at a time so motorists can still get through the area. However, we want them to do so safely, and ask that everyone slow down while traveling through the work zone."

Traffic on the Marlette Road Bridge will be maintained in alternating directions using a temporary traffic signal. Ramp construction will be done part-width, but may be shifted periodically. There also will be single

lane closures on I-75 within the limits of the construction.

"Technically, these are two separate projects that have been combined into one contract," said Jay Gailitis, delivery engineer for MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling. "By scheduling the projects this way, we minimize the impact to motorists."

Work on the \$1.3 million project is expected to begin in late March and completed by July 4.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 99 complaints the week of March 17-23:

Nine traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, two motor vehicle inspections, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 27 general non-criminal, five delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, three assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, damage to property, four drug/narcotic violations, one family offense/abuse/neglect, one obstructing police, nine public peace/disorderly, one public

peace - other, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, three operating under the influence of alcohol, six health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, three driving violations/DWLS, etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Nursing home visiting to be discussed

Nursing home visitation can be difficult even for close family members. Although their intentions are to bring comfort and encouragement, they don't know just what to do or say. In response to that need, the Michigan Public Health Institute Center for Long Term Care has put together a one-hour program and discussion session to help make visits in the nursing home more enjoyable and rewarding for both visitors and residents.

The community is invited to attend the program "The Art of Visiting" at the Grayling Nursing Centre March 28 at 11 a.m. The program will give tips on communication techniques, and provide suggestions for fun things to do along with new ideas for further developing relationships with friends or family members.

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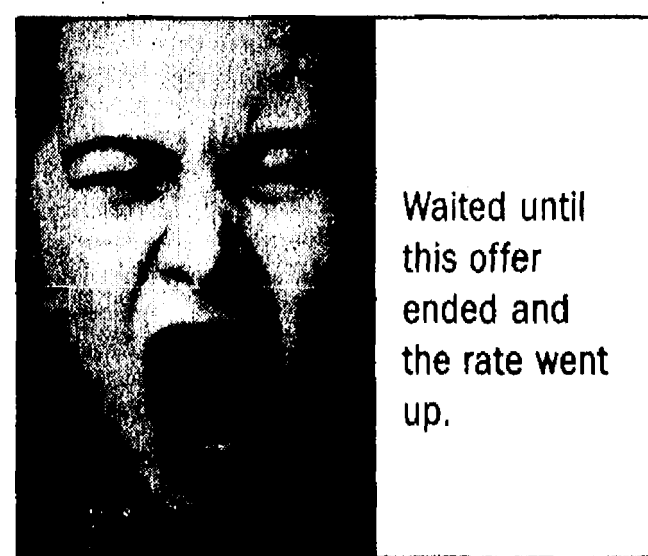
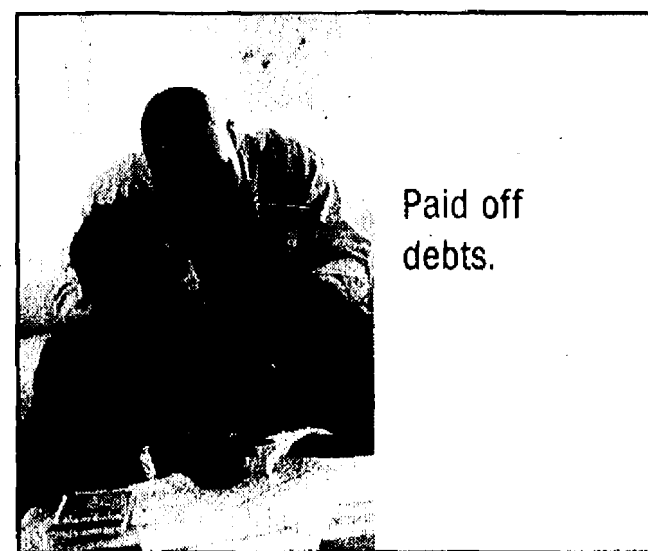
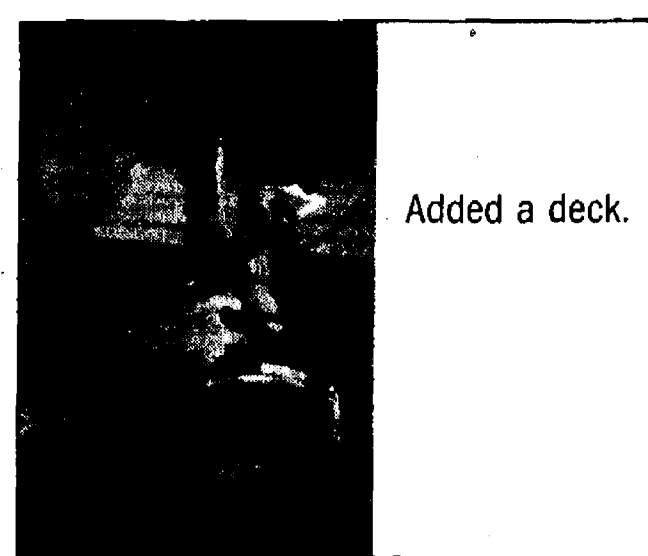
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## Local pizzeria honors Fred Bear

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Bill Gannon, owner of Gannon Communications, has added a restaurant to his businesses. He now owns the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

The Bear's Den Pizzeria replaced Buccilli's and Denise Elekonich, who owned Buccilli's, is now the manager of the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

Elekonich said there has been no change in personnel or hours. She said the menu has not changed much, but there will be a few additions to the menu shortly including a barbecue chicken pizza, a barbecue chicken sub and calzone.

The decor hasn't changed much either, but there are a few additions -- a hand engraved sketch of Fred Bear by Patrick Pickering, and a big black and white drawing of Fred Bear are displayed on the wall.

The pizzeria had a special sale on March 5, Fred Bear's birthday and many patrons, some that remember Bear and others who appreciate what he meant to archery and the outdoors, signed the drawing.

Pete Kocefas, of Frederic, created the drawing of Bear and the signs on the outside of the building.



Employees Kelly Meehan (left) and Samantha Davis stand under one of the new decorations honoring Fred Bear at the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

## Michigan is a national expansion leader

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7,498 new developments during that time period.

"Michigan's economic development muscle is being flexed every day as our state reaches out to new businesses and expansion opportunities," Governor Jennifer Granholm said. "Our economic agenda will continue to be driven by automotive and technology sectors, and we will refocus efforts on improving our core cities and helping small businesses. Michigan will keep

its competitive edge and continue to diversify our economic base because businesses recognize our unparalleled quality of life."

Results of the 2002 Governor's Cup competition were unveiled today. Michigan was narrowly edged out by Illinois in the 2002 competition. Michigan reported 832 new developments, just three projects behind Illinois' 835 new projects.

"Our competition was clearly a photo finish between Michigan

and Illinois," said Mark Arend, editor of *Site Selection* magazine. "I commend Michigan on their strong showing and look forward to another close competition in 2003."

To qualify for the Governor's Cup, projects must have at least \$1 million in new investment or reinvestment, 20,000 or more square feet of new construction or they must create 50 or more new jobs. The projects cannot be retail or residential construction.

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## New car donated to KCC's auto tech program



Bob Shingledecker (left), coordinator of Kirtland's automotive technology program, takes the keys of a new, 2003 Mustang GT from Scott McNamara, who owns Ford dealerships in Roscommon, Grayling and Gladwin. Looking on are John Ulrich, Ford's regional dealer operations manager, and Kirtland president Dr. Charles Rorie.

Kirtland's Automotive students have moved into the fast lane with a hot new vehicle to train on thanks to the generosity of the Ford Motor Company.

The automaker recently donated a 2003 Mustang GT to the college, which took possession when dealer Scott McNamara, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company, handed over the keys to Bob Shingledecker, coordinator of Kirtland's auto tech program, in a ceremony last week. McNamara owns dealerships in Roscommon, Grayling and Gladwin.

"It will be wonderful to have a state-of-the-art vehicle to teach with," said Smoke Bonk, Kirtland automotive instructor.

But this is a car students and other car enthusiasts might wish to drive. It's deep red with a brown leather interior, 4.6 litre overhead cam V-8, four-wheel anti-lock brake system and a five-on-the-floor transmission. Sticker price: about \$26,000.

"We're very grateful to be able to help Kirtland with its education of technicians," McNamara said. "The college has certainly been a pipeline for us, as far as developing good technicians for

our organization. We have four right now who came through Kirtland, and they're all very good. The college turns out a high-quality product, you might say."

Kirtland's automotive program, after months of rigorous scrutiny, recently won re-certification through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) in all eight major areas: engine repair, automatic transmission/transaxle, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical/electronic systems,

heating and air conditioning, and engine performance.

"These are nationally certified programs," Shingledecker said. "That means that if you've passed the certification tests, you're automatically certified in Michigan. This certification is equal to, or better than, Michigan's (certification) program. In fact, they've linked their data bases."

For more information on Kirtland's automotive technology program, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 241.

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## Card shop owners win top award

Steve and Flo Hajek, owners of Flo's Hallmark in Grayling received a top award at the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona.

As a Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award winner, The Hajeks received an all-expense paid trip to the luxurious Wigwam Resort in Phoenix, AZ, March 6-9. The trip included round-trip airfare, accommodations, meals, entertainment and leisure activities.

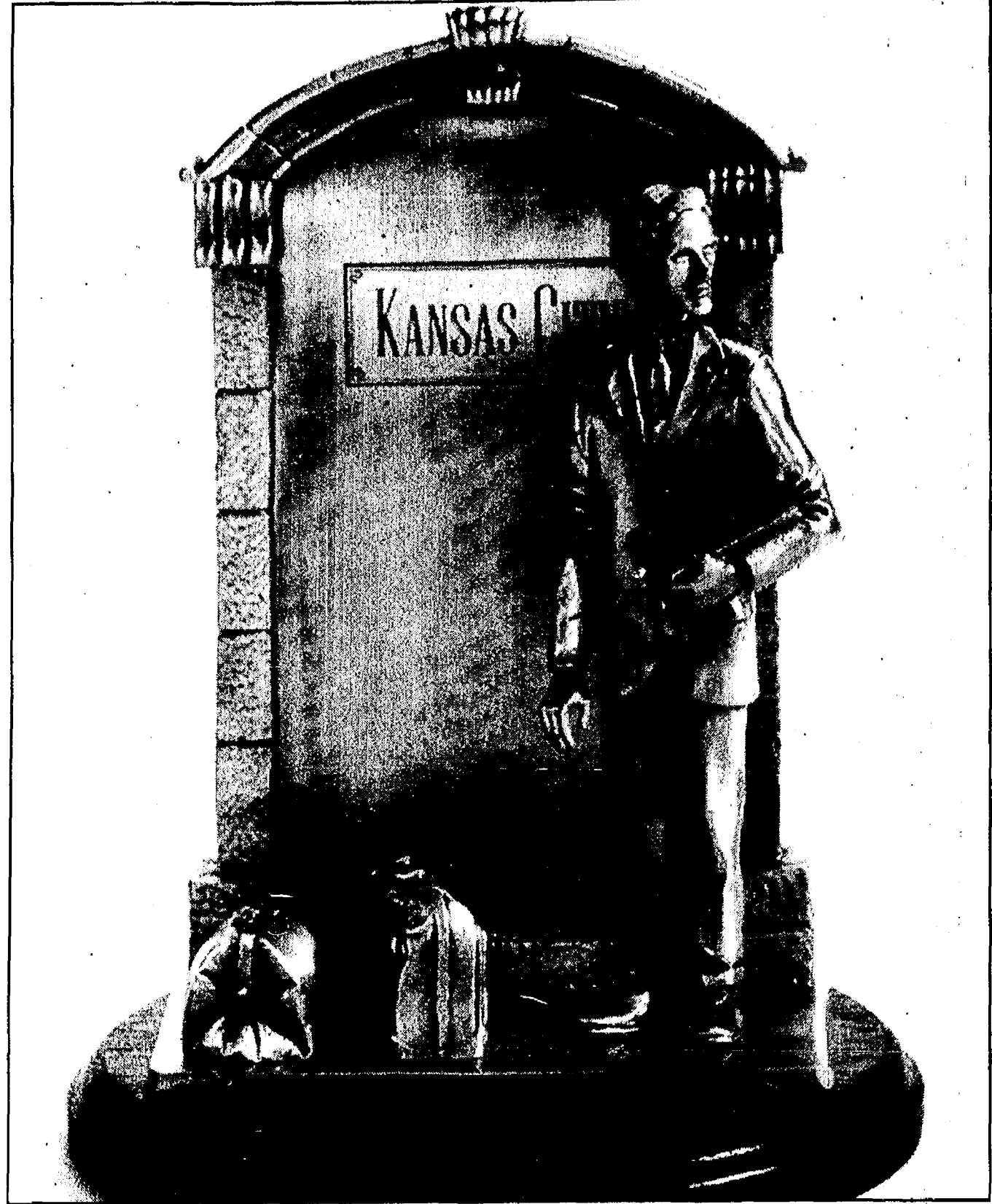
During their stay, winners attended a ceremony where they were individually recognized with a one-of-a-kind pewter award depicting Joyce C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards.

"We are excited to receive this award," said Flo. "My staff and I have worked hard to achieve these retail excellence goals. It feels great for Hallmark to recognize our accomplishments."

"The Hajeks raised the bar on the level of excellence that is strived for within the Hallmark Gold Crown network," said Carol Hallquist, Hallmark Vice President, Specialty Retailing. "As a top 200 store owner, they are leaders in the Hallmark Gold Crown network and we applaud the hard-work, dedication and achievement it took to reach this accomplishment."

The Retail Excellence Program, launched in 1996, sets the standards of excellence in marketing, retail technology and retail operations. Only 200 of 2,000 Hallmark Gold Crown store owners -- the top 10 percent, win this award.

The Retail Excellence Program, developed by Hallmark in cooperation with its Hallmark Gold Crown retailers, sets performance standards that serve the consumer -- supporting, enhancing, rewarding and enforcing outstanding retail practices. Each



Local Hallmark Shop owners, Steve and Flo Hajek, were recently awarded the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award. The award features a depiction of Hallmark Cards founder, Joyce C. Hall.

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## OBITUARIES

### Sister Mary Hilda Duffey March 19, 2003

Sister Mary Hilda Duffey, RSM, age 82, died March 19, at McAuley Center in Farmington Hills. She was baptized Bertilla Jean Duffey in Jackson, the daughter of Francis and Mary Ellen Duffey.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1944 in Detroit and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1949. She received a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and also attended Columbia University. She was a Sister of Mercy for 59 years.

Sister Mary Hilda worked from 1946 until 1968 in offices at Mercy College of Detroit, St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Mercy Hospital in Jackson, Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, and St. Ann's Home in Hammond, Indiana. From 1968 to 1983 she served in administrative roles at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, becoming chief executive officer in 1980. She was instrumental in the building of the new hospital in Grayling. She served as administrator of McAuley Center in Farmington Hills from 1984 to 1990, when she retired to a life of prayer.

Sister Mary Generose Kubesh, who worked with Sister Mary Hilda at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, remembers her as quiet, considerate, helpful and always anxious to do whatever she could to improve patient care.

Sister Mary Hilda is survived by two nieces and a nephew and by the Sisters of her Mercy community.

A Mass of the Resurrection took place on March 21 at the McAuley Center Chapel, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund; 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

### Teresa Ann Melroy Tuck March 21, 2003

Teresa Ann Melroy Tuck, age 44, of Grayling died Friday, March 21. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Isabel Rose Denton March 21, 2003

Isabel Rose Denton, age 86, of Grayling died Friday, March 21. No services will be held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In Memory of David

There is not one day that you have not been in my heart since you had to leave.

The clock has chimed that it's closing time, so I'll be on my way and be down the road.

"Ma"

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

### Getting SSI? Report income, expense changes

The Social Security Administration reminds people who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits that they must report all changes in their income, the things they own or how they pay their household expenses.

"It's important to report changes as soon as possible, so we can be sure we're paying you the right amount," said Sue Soderberg, Social Security manager in Traverse City.

"If you do not report changes, your benefit amount may be wrong. Sometimes you may be due more money than you are getting."

Soderberg continued, "Always

report income changes. Let Social Security know if you start or stop working, if your employer changes, if you get a raise or if your paydays change. Keep all your paystubs so we can verify your income. Tell Social Security about any other income, like pensions, government benefits and insurance payments."

The things people own can affect their SSI payments. They should report changes in their bank accounts, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, Christmas club accounts, cars, property, and anything else they own, buy or sell.

How people handle their household expenses or living arrange-

ments can make a difference in their SSI payments. The benefit amount is different when someone else pays for their rent and food, or when they do not pay their share of the household expenses.

"Also, be sure to report if you marry, separate, divorce, move or have children. If your spouse or children who live with you have changes in their income, assets or living arrangements, report these changes, too. Sometimes their changes affect your payment amount," Soderberg said.

For more information, visit Social Security's web site at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), call 1-800-772-1213, or visit the local Social Security office.

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: April 2 and 16.

Family planning: April 1 and 15.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for appointment.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 26 - April 1, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 26 - 27.

Small arms ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas

ment.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 24 and 28.

Breast and cervical cancer screening: April 8 and 22. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health

pipeline and South of Portage Creek on March 26 - 28.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## BIRTHS



Meadow Ann Leonard

Amy DuBay and Scott Leonard of Higgins Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Meadow Ann Leonard.

Meadow was born December 27, 2002 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. and measured 20 3/4 inches long at birth.

Meadow's grandparents are Darrel and Marcella DuBay of Linwood, and Craig and Ann Williams of Higgins Lake.

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## Middle schoolers share joy of reading

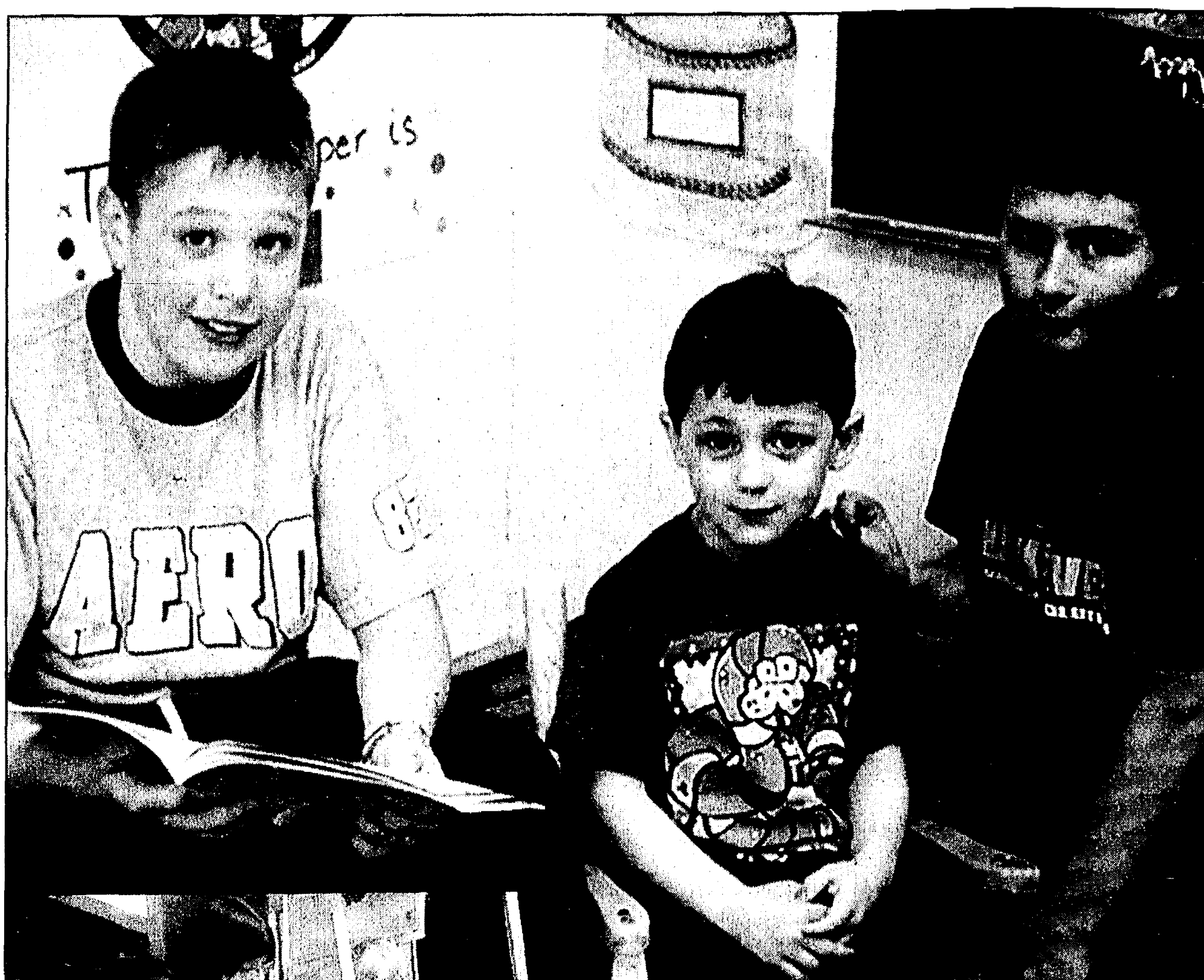


Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School - Joni Meliva

Grayling Middle School 6th grade students shared their time and reading talents with students from Grayling Co-op Preschool on Monday, March 24. All students involved enjoyed the activity. March is Reading Month, and students at Grayling Middle School have been involved in many heightened reading activities to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading.

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## Legislative website designed for students

The Michigan House Civics Commission (MHCC) recently unveiled their new interactive website, [www.civicscommission.com](http://www.civicscommission.com). This website, formatted for easy use by teachers and

students alike, provides thorough explanation on the purpose of the commission, as well as its many components.

Finally, said the Commission's Co-Chair Rep. Doug Hart, "Michigan's youngest citizens have a voice in state government! Not only do they have their own legislative committee (House Civics Commission), but now they have their own legislative web resource as well."

The House Civics

Commission website has numerous valuable components, including the following:

- House Civics Commission Curriculum - elementary and high school level units designed to help students become actively engaged in issues of statewide interest. Lessons are correlated to the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

- Semi-Monthly Legislative Updates for Students - updates for elementary, middle, and high school students on issues pertinent and of interest to the students themselves.

- Information about the Michigan Capitol Speakers Bureau - including names of participants, their biographies, and scheduling information.

- Interactive Polls - covering issues of interest to students.

- House Civics Commission Student Public Hearings Schedule - a detailed listing of all upcoming hearings, as well as a summary of testimony provided at past hearings.

- Tips for testifying before the House Civics Commission

- Links to online government and policy-related websites.

- Biographies of each House Civics Commission member.

The MHCC website is an initiative of The Civics Institute, and was designed by the Interactive Communications and Simulations Group within the University of Michigan's School of Education.

MHCC is an ad hoc committee to 21 lawmakers who are holding public hearings in schools throughout the state, listening to new bills ideas from elementary, middle and high school students.

## HONORS

### Michigan Technological University

Gordon Jacob Elsner, of Grayling, earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Michigan Technological University and was honored for his achievements, along with more than 350 graduates at Midyear Commencement ceremonies, held December 14, 2002.



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## April is Youth Health MONTH



The issues and decisions faced by the youth of today are much different than those 20 years ago. To help your child make healthy lifestyle decisions, Mercy Hospital Grayling is offering programs to promote physical wellness for kids and teens.

### Free Glucose & Blood Pressure Screenings

For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

**Mercy Family Care - Roscommon**

April 2, 8 - 10 am

**Mercy Family Care - Prudenville**

April 9, 8 - 10 am

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 21, 8 - 10 am

### Diabetes Support Group

For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

**Mercy Family Care - Roscommon**

April 2, 1 - 2 pm

**Mercy Family Care - Prudenville**

April 9, 1 - 2 pm

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 15, 1 - 2 pm

### Breastfeeding Class

Benefits of breastfeeding for mom and baby will be discussed. Cost is \$5. To register, call (989) 348-0599.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 8, 7 - 9 pm

### American Red Cross First Aid

Learn the basics of first aid in this one-session class. Cost is \$24, and preregistration is required by calling (989) 348-0888.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 9, 6:30 - 10 pm

### Get Interactive!

Many classes are available live at community hospitals throughout northern Michigan via the REMEC TeleHealth Network. Call Mercy Hospital Grayling for availability.

For a complete list of offerings call  
1-800-33-MERCY (1-800-336-3729).

### Super Safe Saturday

The American Red Cross, Grayling Fire Department, State Police, Crawford County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard, AuSable Sports Medicine & Joint Center, and Dr. Vincent Schultz will provide education on fire, car seat, boating, and stranger safety, fingerprinting, immunizations, scoliosis screenings, and ambulance and fire truck demonstrations. Adult CPR certification class available. For more information, call (989) 348-0489.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling Campus**

April 12, 10 am - 2 pm

### Baby Care: Your Loving Touch

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**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 15, 7 - 9 pm

### Heart Health Fitness

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

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## VIEWPOINT

by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners

### We must remember the lives lost

Your Crawford County Board of Commissioners discussed at great length the events in the Middle East currently shaping our world. We felt it necessary that you understand the position we have taken regarding the war with Iraq and we wanted to share with you our support for President Bush and our military as they continue to wage the war against terrorism.

We all wish and pray for peace, just as all true Americans do, but we cannot allow terrorism to become part of our daily lives. We must act now.

Terrorist attacks, if you will recall, are not new to our landscape. In the 1970s and 1980s, they disguised themselves in the clothing of hijackers and thugs. Today, their appearance has changed very little.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and the lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the United

States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the bombing of the United States military barracks in Saudi Arabia and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombings of the American embassies in Africa and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. Cole and the American lives that were lost.

- We can never dare to forget the terrorist attacks of September 11, when huge commercial planes, filled with innocent lives were crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania, and the tremendous amount of lives lost.

The blood of every American who has died in these bombings is crying out for our support, our action, and our justice. We cannot let the innocent blood that has been shed by the terrorists go unnoticed and unanswered. We must act to bring those responsi-

ble to justice and deny others the means to perpetrate such terrorist actions in the future.

Many wish to keep silent about the dangers of the Jihad Muslim "attack and destroy by any means" mentality concerning Americans, Christians and Jews. Let the peace protesters be reminded that terrorism, be it embraced by any religion, creed or race, is wrong and is contrary to the values of true Americans.

While the protesters exercise their freedoms guaranteed to them under the Constitution, they seem to be supporting the very people who would destroy the very Constitution that defends the anti-war protests of the uninformed. Terrorists would have no hesitation to kill those who protest as easily as they would American soldiers or innocent civilians.

Our flag shows the 50 states that tell the world our 50 states are united, and that we will stand together, from the local citizen all the way to Washington. The colors of our flag symbolize our liberty, the blood of those patriots who have died so we can have

this liberty, and the purity of our cause, under God. Not just any God; our God is the God of the universe, the God of heaven and the God of Jehovah. May God bless our troops and our blessed United States of America!

We need to be reminded that our cause is just; the reward of doing justice is justice itself.

Every patriotic American's way of life is either held in fear by those terrorists or freed from fear by eliminating the threat from those wicked people.

We do this not only for our forefathers who shed their blood for the freedom we enjoy today, but mainly for those yet unborn. We all want our children and yours to grow up in a nation not in fear, but marked by the very freedom we enjoyed in our youth.

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## VIEWPOINT

by Carl Levin (D), Senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

### Filling petroleum reserves has not increased energy security

Spotted at a gas station in California recently was a sign listing the price of unleaded plus and unleaded supreme gasoline as an "arm" and a "leg." That would be funny if it weren't so painful.

Gasoline prices have skyrocketed. Problems with oil production in Venezuela and fears about a war with Iraq are two reasons for the rising price of crude oil. A less well-known factor is our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Following the oil shortages of the early 1970's, Congress established the SPR as an emergency oil reserve to protect U.S. consumers from a major oil shortage and the damage caused by high oil prices. Millions of gallons of crude oil in the SPR are stockpiled in huge underground salt caverns along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

In November 2001, President Bush directed the Department of Energy (DOE) to fill the SPR to its capacity of 700 million barrels "in a deliberate and cost effective manner." But in the past year, the DOE has managed the SPR in a way that has inflicted a lot of pain on U.S. consumers and taxpayers without actually increasing overall U.S. oil supplies, and in a very cost ineffective manner.

I recently released a report prepared by my staff on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that determined that in early 2002, despite warnings from career Energy Department officials about higher taxpayer costs and lower overall oil supplies that would result, DOE began adding to the SPR without regard to the high price of oil. Filling the SPR without regard to price is contrary to DOE's prior practice in which it bought oil for the reserve when prices were low and postponed oil deposits in the reserve when prices were high so the SPR purchases did not affect commercial oil prices or supplies.

The report found that DOE's actions removed about 40 million barrels of crude oil from the marketplace in 2002. Taking that oil out of the commercial marketplace when prices were rising and supplies were tightening became a significant factor in driving up U.S. crude oil prices to a 12-year high of nearly \$40 per barrel. High crude oil prices hurt American consumers who had to pay increased prices for gasoline and home heating oil. Farmers

and truckers had to pay more for diesel fuel. Airline costs rose because of the high cost of jet fuel.

But adding 40 million barrels to the government reserve in 2002 didn't increase the amount of oil overall in our reserves because we ended up with 40 million fewer barrels in the commercial reserves. Here are the figures. At the end of 2001, U.S. oil supplies totaled 870 million barrels, with about 560 million barrels in the SPR and 310 million in commercial inventories. At the end of 2002, the overall total was the same, but with 600 million barrels under government control in the SPR, and only 270 million barrels in the private sector, an extremely low level at which U.S. refineries risk disruptions due to inadequate supplies of oil.

An independent economist, Philip Verleger, said recently in an interview that if the government hadn't filled the SPR, or if it returned that crude oil back to the market, "prices right now would be around \$28 a barrel instead of \$38 a barrel and gasoline prices might be 25 to 35 cents lower."

The Energy Department ignored the advice of its career staff when it changed the way oil was added to the SPR and began adding oil even when oil prices were high and supplies were tight. That approach appears to have backfired since it increased oil

prices without increasing overall U.S. oil supplies. There is no point inflicting American consumers with high oil costs if, at the end of the day, the U.S. doesn't have more oil to show for it.

Yet, with crude oil prices at a 12-year high and U.S. commercial crude oil inventories at record lows, DOE plans to add another 40 million barrels to the reserve in 2003. If the Energy Department carries out this policy, U.S. oil prices will shoot even higher and impose more costs on American consumers and taxpayers, with no

assurance of a net increase in our overall oil supplies.

I am a supporter of the SPR, but it has to be run so that it contributes to our energy and economic security. Otherwise, the Energy Department ends up causing the very problems the reserve was created to cure.

The report *U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve: Recent policy has increased cost to consumers but not overall U.S. energy security*, is available online at <http://030503pr1.htm>.

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"Our labs relies upon the American Red Cross for supplying our transfusion needs," stated Diane Hagle, Director of Laboratory Services at Grayling Mercy Hospital. "People think of donating blood as a charitable act, which it is, but it's more than just looking out for your neighbor, it's looking out for yourself, too. None of us knows when we may suddenly become ill or sustain injuries requiring blood transfusion. It is important that everyone support Red Cross by donating blood at local blood drives. And donating blood is safe; you cannot get any disease or virus by donating blood," concludes Hagle.

Long-time blood donor Al Etson agrees. "It makes me feel great to donate. I gave my 28th gallon at the Frederic drive on March 8th. I've been donating for 44 years. My blood type is the universal donor, type O negative, so I have been able to help many people over the years. I am thankful I am healthy enough to donate. And the wonderful volunteers make it a pleasant experience!" Al's donations over the years have resulted in 672 blood products, thanks to component therapy. Each donation is separated into three blood components: the red cells, plasma and platelets. Patients receive only the blood component needed. Everyone wins; the patient's circulatory system is not overloaded with unneeded components and more patients receive blood.

Betty Pamerleau has volunteered as the Crawford County blood program coordinator since 1983. "Over the years I've enjoyed meeting the generous people who faithfully donate blood to save lives." Betty encourages all who are eligible to give regularly. The next community blood drive will be on Wednesday, May 7th at the Grayling American Legion from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m., sponsored by the Grayling Kiwanis Club. Call the blood region at 800-582-2240 to schedule an appointment or for more details on giving blood or sponsoring a blood drive. Together, We Can Save A Life!

Al Etson receives 28-gallon pin for Blood donations: Front: Holli Pippin, Volunteer; Al Etson; Mary Juneau, Red Cross Charge Nurse; Joyce Wilson, Volunteer; Back: Shirley Schmoock, Frederic Drive Coordinator; Frieda Trotter, nurse; Jason Spegele; Michael Brady and Will Paul, blood services.

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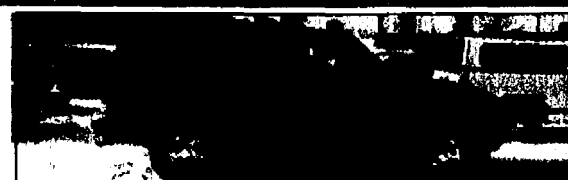
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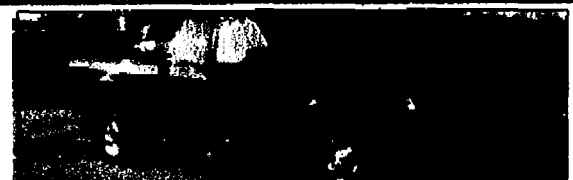
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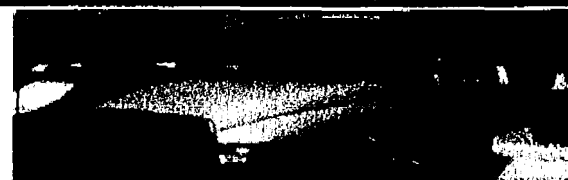
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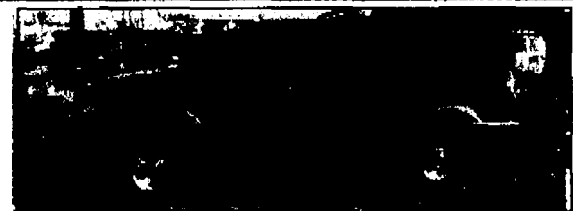
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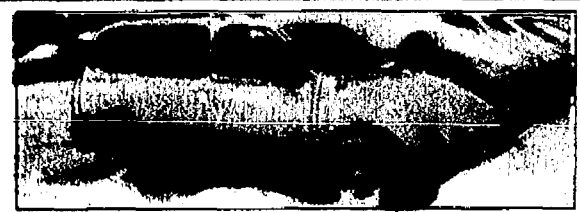
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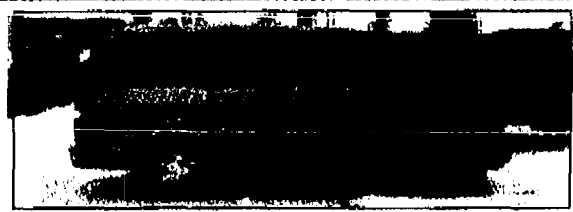
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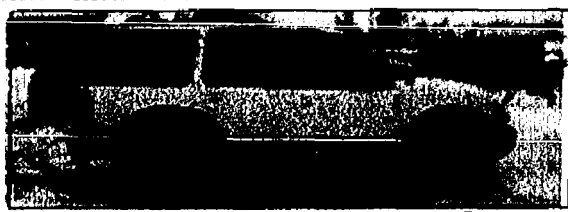
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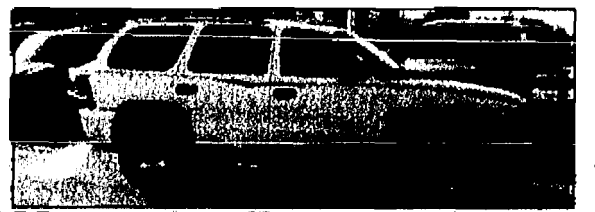
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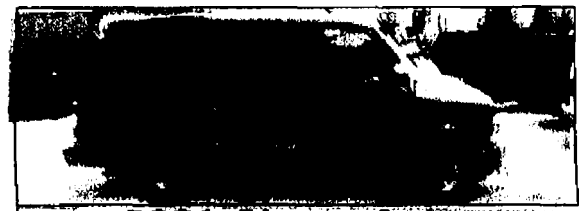
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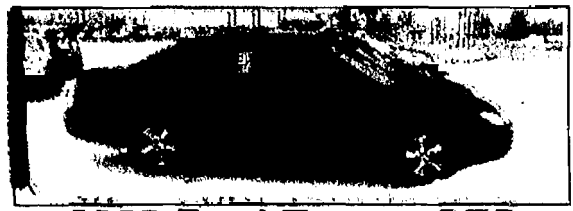
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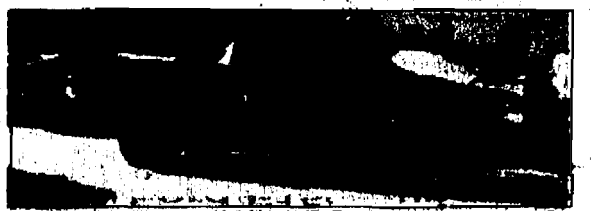
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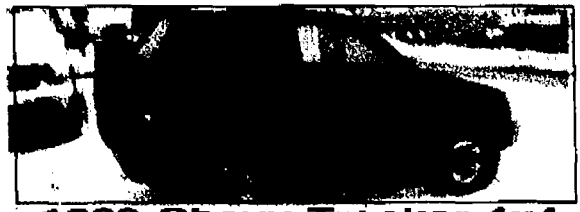
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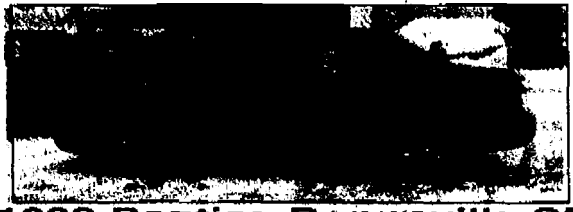
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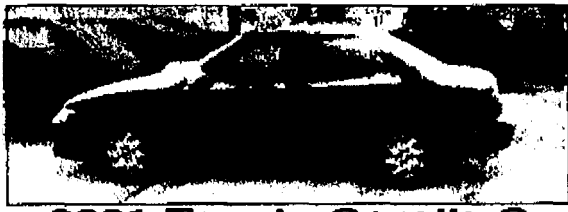
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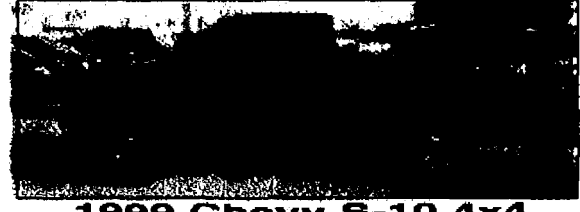
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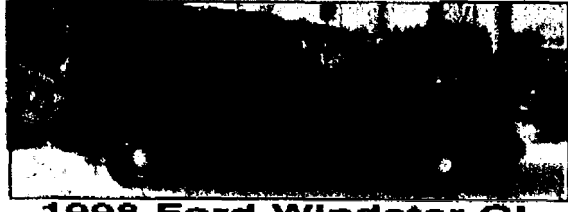
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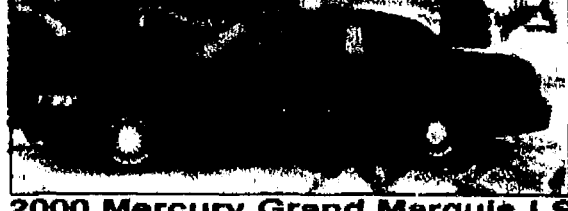
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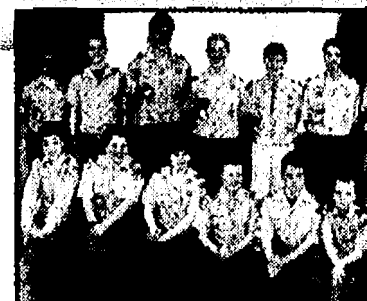
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**17 wrestlers place at State Finals**

► Grayling ends March 22 meet with four state champions

Seventeen wrestlers from Grayling Recreation Authority's youth wrestling team and the Grayling Middle School wrestling squad earned trophies by placing in the top four of their weight class at the NEMWA State Wrestling Finals at

Northwood University on Sunday, March 22.

Grayling had four state champions: Josh Partello, Jeff Bancroft, Daniel CdeBaca, and Matt Townsend all placed 1st in their divisions at the NEMWA State Finals.

Partello and Townsend both capped undefeated seasons at the event.

Daniel DuVall, Zach Wolcott, and Cody Malone all placed 2nd in their weight class. Third place finishers for Grayling included Jon Petrie, Ty Jensen, Joey Schwartz, Austin Harris,

Stephen Grove, Jeff Harwood, Corey Metzger.

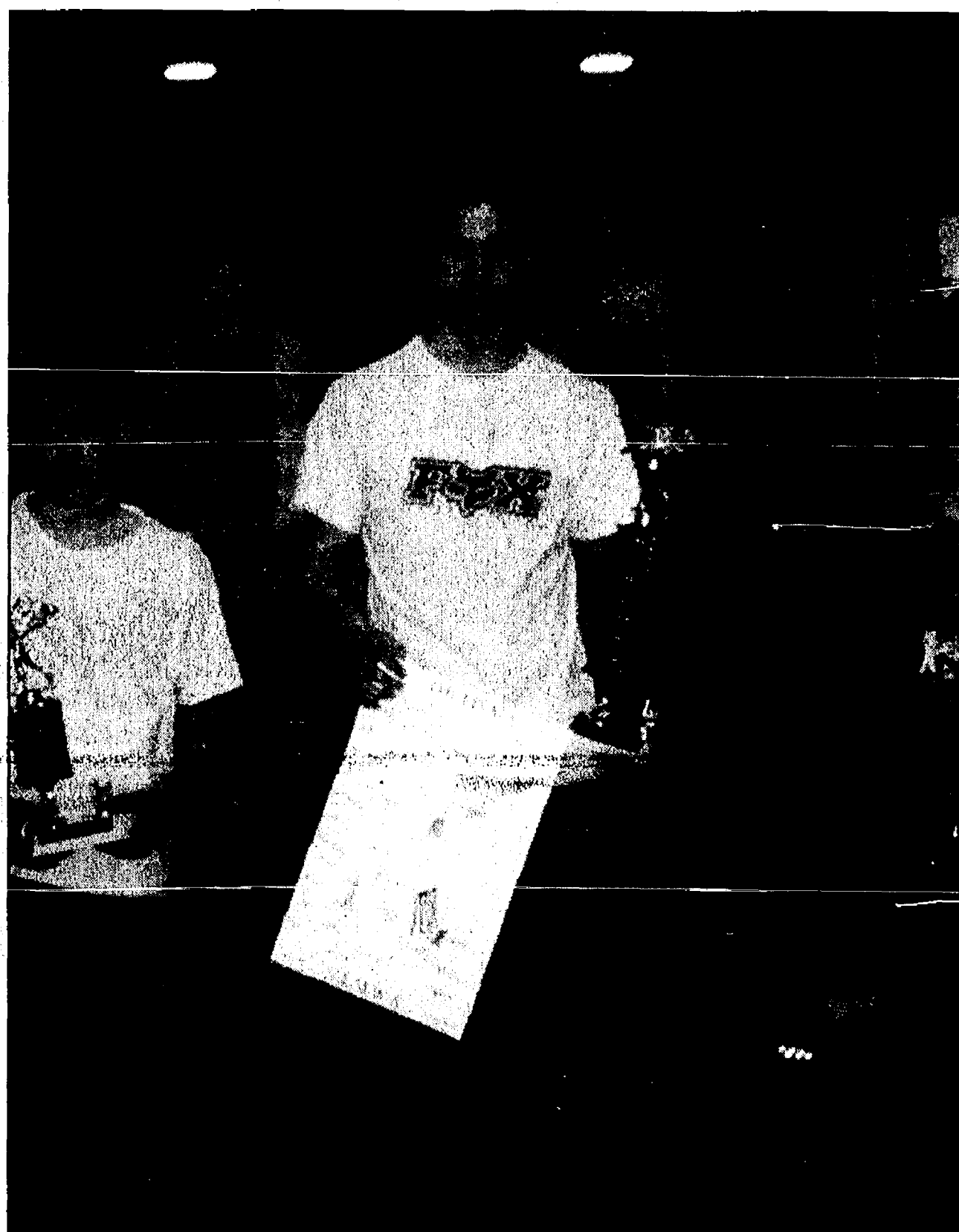
Zak Mack, Mykel Revord, and Jeff Woolsey all placed 4th.

Ben Brown, Eric Madill, and Shane Grove all won matches but did not place in the top four of their respec-

tive weight classes.

Grayling's wrestlers from the GRA and GMS teams combined include grades 1-8.

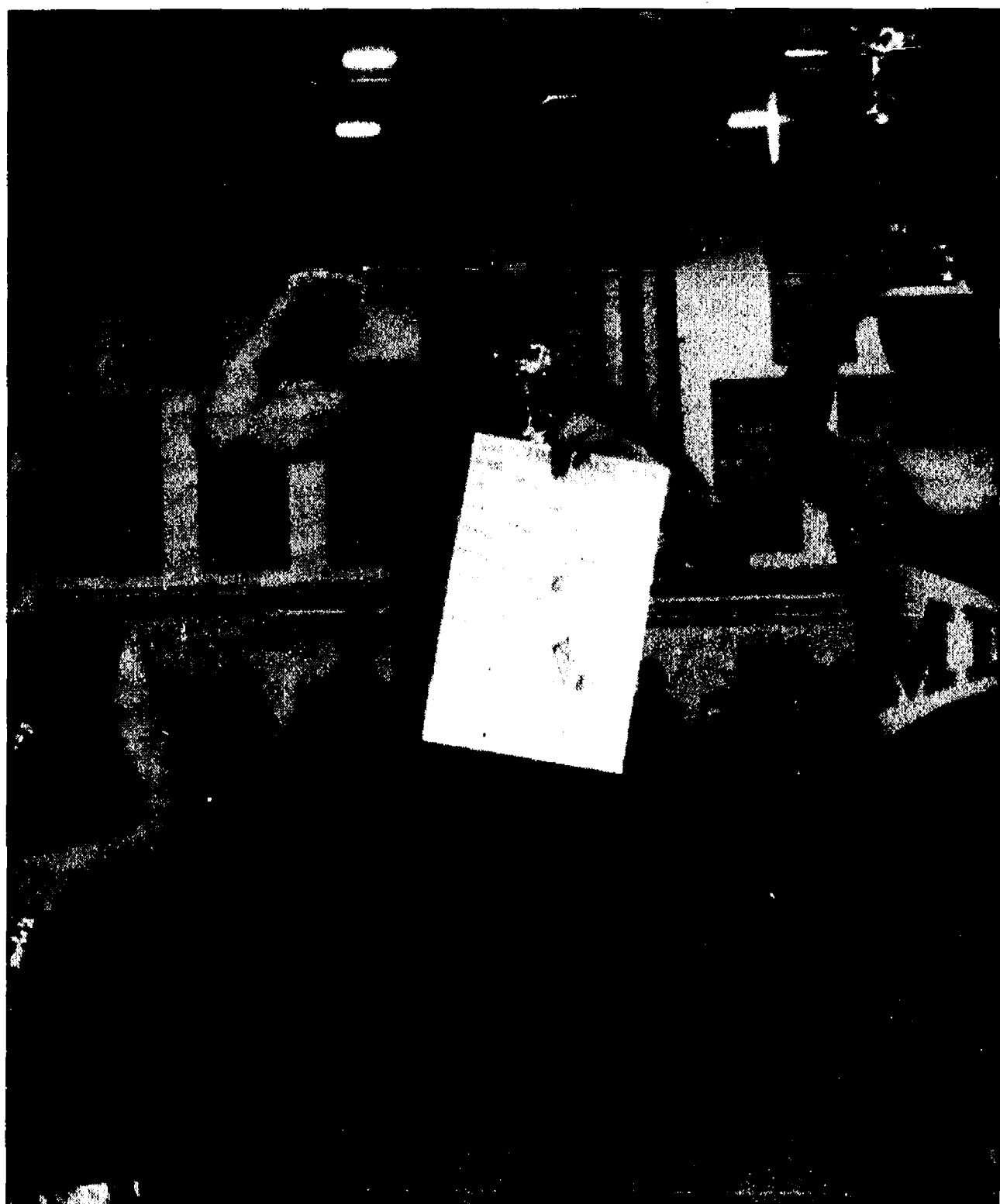
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**Josh Partello**

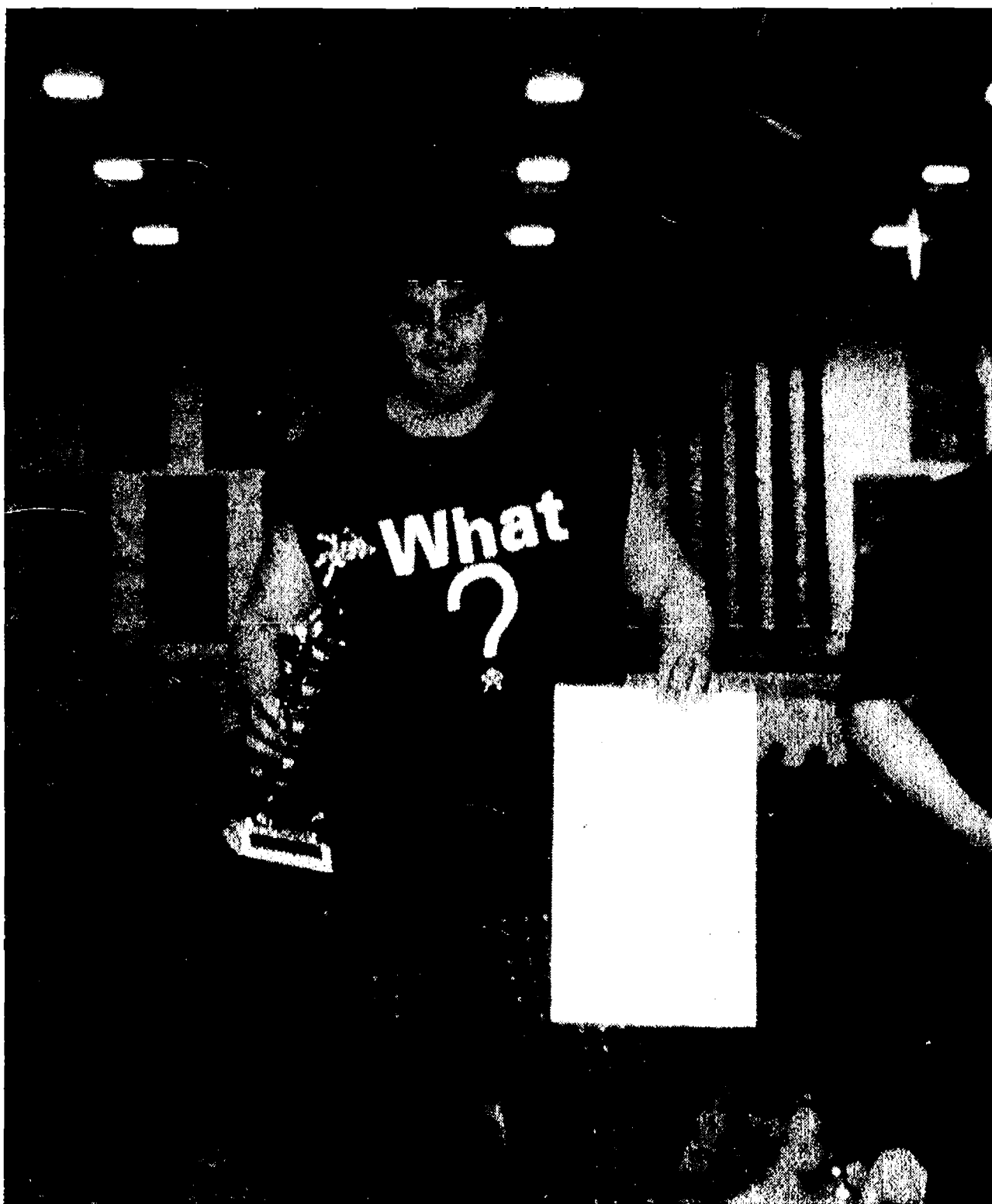
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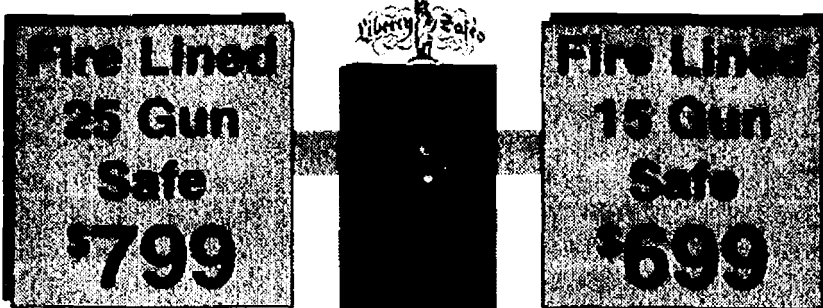
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► Annual event to be held May 3 at Fox Run Country Club

The Grayling Athletic Department recently announced that the 3rd Annual Grayling

Football Golf Outing – a fundraiser for the GHS football program – will be held at Fox Run Country Club on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

This year, the program will be introducing its new head football coach, Jason Mensing, and his wife Angel. Mensing comes to Grayling from Addison, MI

where he was the Lenawee County Coach of the Year in 2002.

"Please join us as we welcome him to our community and help raise funds to benefit our football program," Athletic Director Brian Banda said in a press release. "All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High

School Football Program."

The fee to participate in the golf outing is \$200 per four-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of four-person scramble golf, a chicken dinner, and a chance at winning a door prize.

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# Team awards announced for basketball

► Vikings hand out MVP, other team awards, at annual banquet

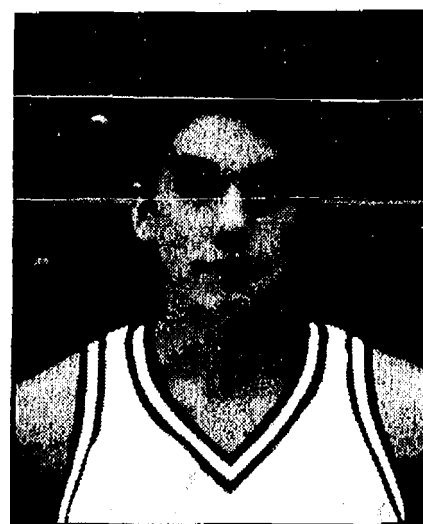
The Grayling High School basketball program announced its team awards for the 2002-03 season at its annual basketball/cheerleading awards banquet last Tuesday.

Awards included:  
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• Most Improved Player – Andy Strohpaul;

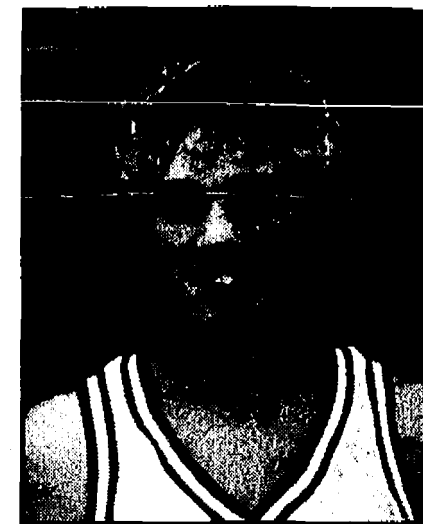
• Mr. Hustle Award – Phil Armstrong, Caleb Mead;  
• Senior Award – Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Roger Alvarez;  
• Leadership Award – Greg Morrill, Andy Strohpaul, Travis Helsel.

The team also recognized its four all-conference honorees: Tobin (1st team), Kaiser (2nd team), Joe Lange (2nd team), and Roy Czapke (honorable mention).

The Vikings tied with Tawas for the league title this past season with a 9-3 record in North East Michigan Conference match-ups. The team is the 20th



Adam Kaiser  
Team Co-MVP



Gibson Tobin  
Team Co-MVP

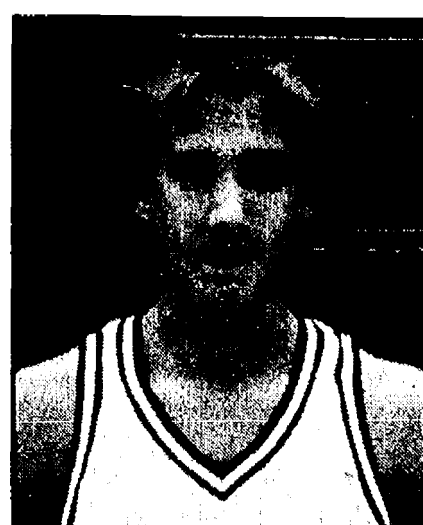
boys basketball squad from GHS to win (or share) a league championship.

"We played well in the league," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Our kids played with a lot of intensity and pride as the year progressed."

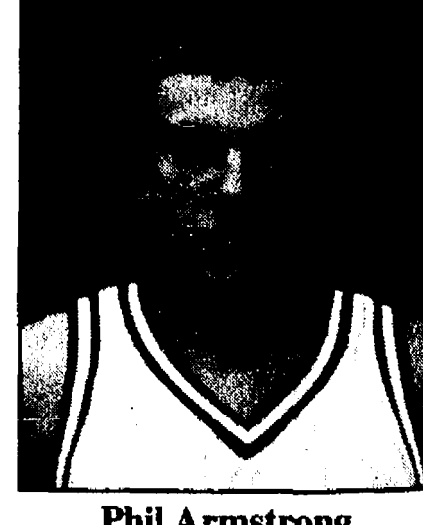
"We have a ton of kids back next year, but we are entering a new league which will be extremely tough. We need to spend a lot of time in the weight room and on the basketball court this summer so that we can compete at a high level," Coach Moffit said.



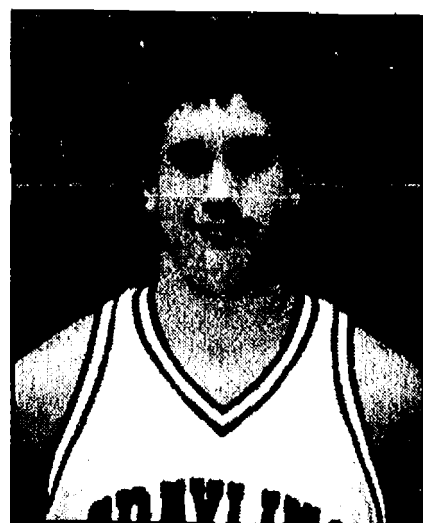
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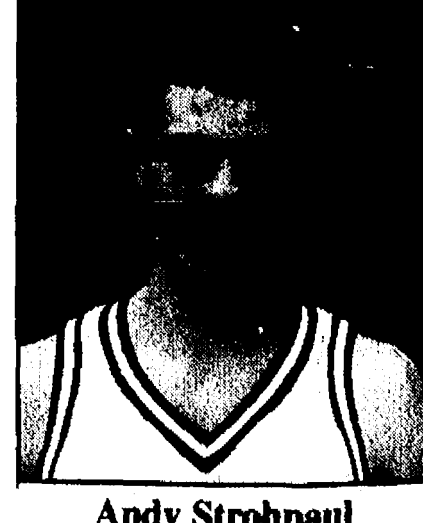
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Phil Armstrong  
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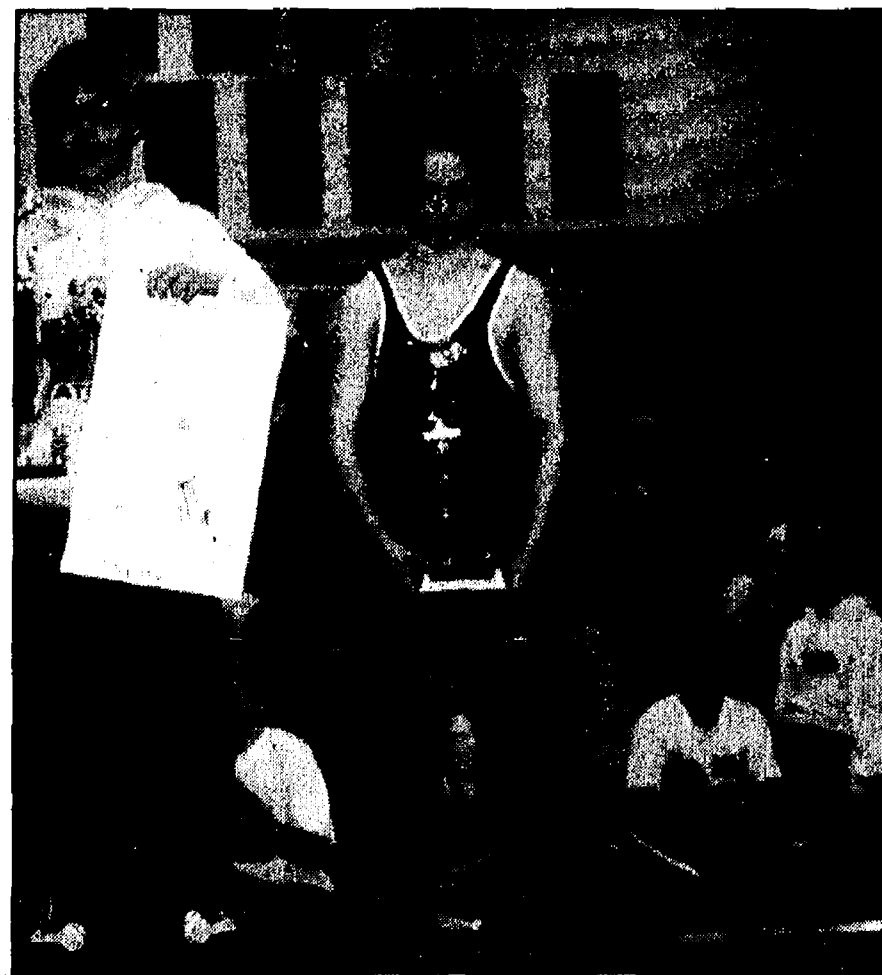
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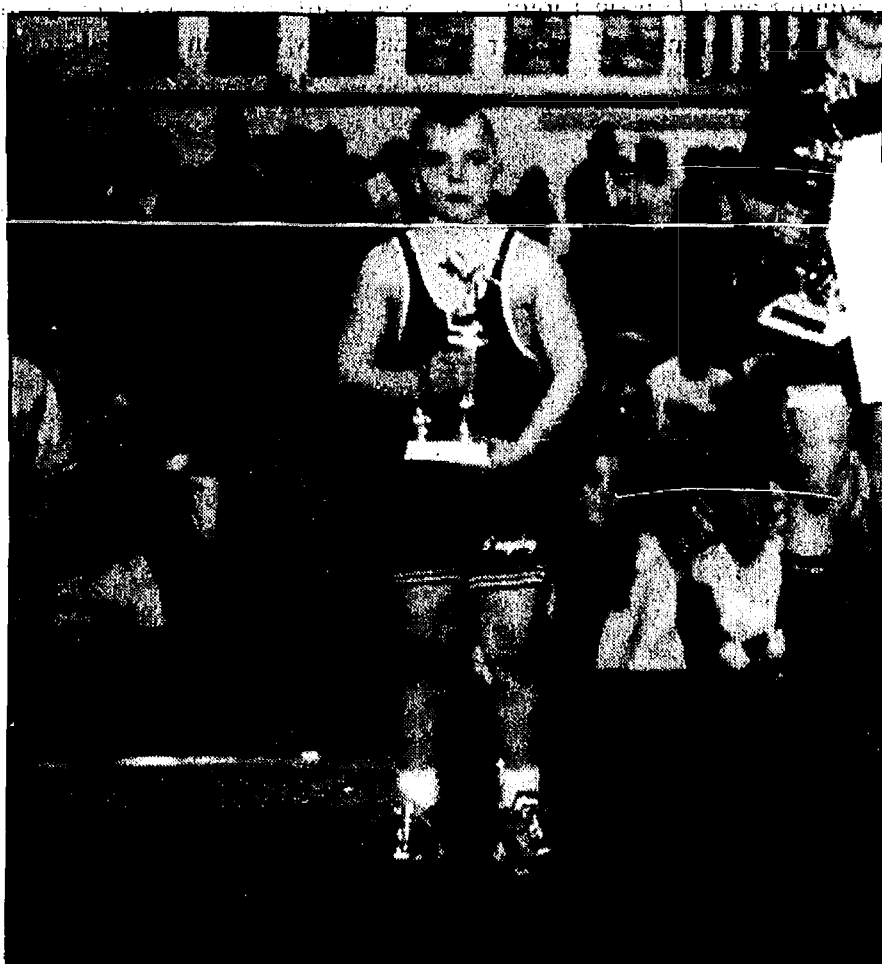
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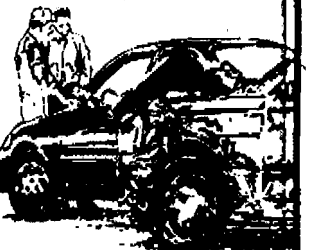
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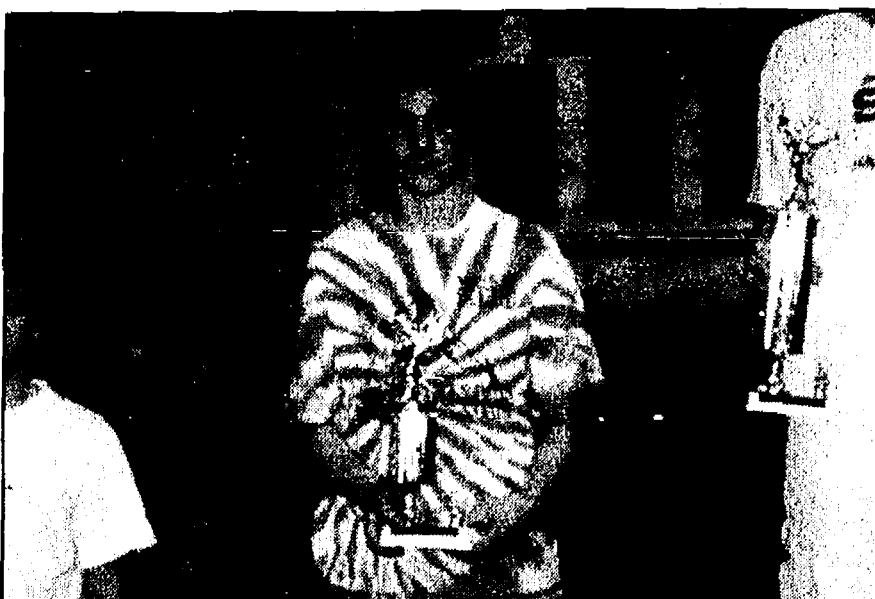
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New Boy Scout Troop #995 members are, from left, (front row) Alex Millar, John Ventline, Jacob Reynolds, Storm Shriver, Shawn Redmond, Frankie McLeod II, Matthew Haight; (back row) Charter Rep. Dave Shriver, James Haight, Tom Pilon, Nick Grougan, Nathan Pickell, Richard Haight, Chris Bonnington, and Scoutmaster Jim Pickell. Not pictured: Ryan Harris.

## New scout troop growing quickly

Boy Scout Troop #995 is a new troop in the Grayling area that was formed in December, 2002 and is chartered by Air Way Automation of Grayling. The troop consists of several boys ranging from grades six through 11 at present.

Several of the boys have scouting experience with boys ranking from Scouter, a first level new scout up to boys working on earning their Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in scouting. Troop leaders said they are happy so many scouts have

joined the troop in such a short period of time.

Troop #995 holds its meetings at Air Way Automation in the Industrial Park in Grayling. Besides regular meetings, scouts have also participated in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) winter Klondike Derby competition held at Kirtland Community College on January 25, with both new patrols earning first place finishes in some of the competitions placing above veteran troops in the area.

The troop recently held a

spaghetti dinner to raise funds for equipment every new troop needs.

Troop #995 Scout Master, Jim Pickell, has been involved in scouting for many years, including leadership positions in Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts. He was recently awarded the District Merit Award for his hard work in scouting. It is the highest award the district can give.

"Mr. Pickell has taught us, as Scouts, the meaning of leadership through his ability to guide

us in everything we do," said Troop Historian John Ventline.

Troop #995 is always looking for new scouts to join in its scouting activities, learning about the community and the great outdoors. Boys interested in finding out what the troop is all about are welcome to attend the meetings held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Air Way Automation.

Any questions about joining may be directed to Jim Pickell by calling 348-2870.

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### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc. (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on June 23, 1999 in Liber 484, Page 447, Crawford County Records and was assigned by an

assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan

foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44'15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff  
v.

Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margretherville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
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Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
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#### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003

at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence South 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence North 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence South 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chelle A. Warnars a single woman (original mortgagors) to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2002, and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 365 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee,

Assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 2002, which was recorded on March 7, 2003, in Liber 623 on Page 68, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 25/100 dollars (\$61,338.25), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211  
Team H

20-27-03-10

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Tina M. Nelson, whose last known address is 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 6, 1994 in Liber 383 of Crawford County Records on Pages 218 through 221, inclusive, said Borrower on the above date of September 2, 1994, also having executed a certain Assumption Agreement in writing, by which she assumed prior mortgages given by Ronald L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on

pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Pages 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Scheuerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470

United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

### NOTICE

#### BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township Budgets for fiscal year 2003-2004 at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the budgets will be available for public inspection at 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. on Friday, March 28, 2003 from 9-11 a.m. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the residents of Bear Lake Township will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Road, Kalkaska. The Township Board will hold a special board meeting following the annual meeting of the township.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk 231-258-4359

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

#### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

#### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner



# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John D. Tuck and Teresa A. Melroy-Tuck, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated November 26, 2001 and recorded December 3, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 532, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,482.30) including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 200 feet North and 33 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 120 feet; thence West 120 feet; thence South 120 feet; thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHERIES DIVISION, NATURAL RIVERS PROGRAM

#### Proposed Natural Rivers Designation - Pine and Upper Manistee Rivers.

The Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings regarding designation of the Pine River and Upper Manistee River as Natural Rivers under authority of Natural Rivers Part 305 of PA 451 of 1994. The purpose of the hearings will be to take testimony regarding the draft Natural River Management Plans written for both rivers. A one hour information session where Natural Rivers Program staff will be available to answer questions will precede each public hearing.

Verbal comments on either Plan may be made at any hearing location. Written comments may be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909, Attention: Steve Sutton, or by e-mail to [SUTTON.St@michigan.gov](mailto:SUTTON.St@michigan.gov). The public comment period will remain open until June 8, 2003. Copies of the draft Management Plans can be found on the internet at [www.Michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.Michigan.gov/dnr), or by requesting a copy at the address given above or in person from the County Clerk's office in those counties scheduled for public hearing.

Following the public comment period, both draft Management Plans and the public comment record will be submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for review and final decision regarding Natural River designation.

#### 2003 Pine and Upper Manistee river public hearing schedule

Date	Location	Time
Mon., April 28	Manistee, Manistee Co. Manistee HS Auditorium 525 12th Street Manistee, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Tues., April 29	Baldwin, Lake Co. Hollister Senior Center 1505 Mich. Ave, Baldwin, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Tues., April 29	Reed City, Osceola Co. Reed City High School 225 W. Church Ave. Reed City, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Wed., April 30	Lake City, Missaukee Co. Lake City H.S. Auditorium 251 E. Russell St. Lake City, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Thurs., May 1	Kalkaska, Kalkaska Co. Kalkaska H.S. Auditorium 109 N. Birch St. Kalkaska, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9 Public Hearing
Fri., May 2	Cadillac, Wexford Co. Senior High School Cafeteria 400 Linden St. Cadillac, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Sat., May 3	Grayling, Crawford Co. Grayling Middle School Cafeteria 500 Spruce St., Grayling, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Mon., May 5	Bellaire, Antrim Co. Bellaire Senior Center 308 E. Cayuga St. Bellaire, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Mon., May 5	Gaylord, Otsego Co. Gaylord Intermediate School 240 4th St., Gaylord, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Tues., May 6	Southfield, Oakland Co. Southfield H. S. Library 24661 Lahser Road Southfield, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Wed., May 7	Grand Rapids, Kent Co. Central H.S. Auditorium 421 Fountain St., NE Grand Rapids, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Thurs., May 8	Lansing, Ingham Co. Okemos High School Kiva 2800 Jolly Road Okemos, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI LLC, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary S. Sheldon, a married man and Jacquelyne M. Sheldon, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated December 4, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 343, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three

Hundred Thirty and 14/100 Dollars (\$84,330.14) including interest at the rate of 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 9 and 10, block 2 of Hadley's second addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 280.0237

27-03-10-17-24

## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting March 10, 2003

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little and Hartman. Absent: Mobarak. There were 10 guests present.

Sheriff Wakefield was present and discussed the 2002 Year End Report from his office.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 7 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:  
Discussed the township sign that will be completed in the spring.

New Business:  
1. Discussion regarding "Telecommunications Right of Way Law."

2. Discussed request to fund fireworks.

3. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman

Clerk

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6017 CH  
J.C. Monte, L.C.

Everett C. Smiley and  
Doris A. Smiley, husband and wife  
TO: Everett C. Smiley and Doris A. Smiley

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to Lot 60, Northern

Heights, Warblers Hideaway, Crawford County, MI. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 9, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989- 348-5588

-27-03-10

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03006602 DE  
Estate of Violetta McRae: 12/11/08  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Violetta McRae, who lived at 2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 09, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Leanne K. Weaver, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 24, 2003  
2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 344-9259

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## Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jocelyn Montgomery of 205 Alexia Lane, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated July 3, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on August 2, 2001, in Liber 0546 Pages 306 through 313 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$24,414.98.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April 2003 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 101, Grayling Mobile Estates #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats; Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ  
Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow

Americorp (Donald Castetter)  
TO: Americorp  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989- 348-5588

-13-20-27-03



## The Earned Income Tax Credit. You may have earned it. Why not claim it?

If you're working hard just to make ends meet and have one or more children living with you, you may qualify for the EITC. Think of it as a reward for doing one of life's most beautiful, most important and most loving jobs. Visit our Web site or ask your tax preparer if you qualify.

Because when it comes to getting more for your family, consider it done.

A message from the Internal Revenue Service.

[www.irs.gov/eitc](http://www.irs.gov/eitc)



## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

35,000 ton @ Lovells Pkt: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burtch, Commissioner

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.  
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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

March 28, 1980

The American Business Woman's Association of Grayling chose their woman of the year to be Norma Naour. She has been involved with several community activities and civic projects.

Twelve youthful residents of Crawford County are gaining valuable day to day occupational skills combined with classroom general education, thanks to a local project sponsored by three agencies concerned about the future of the young people of the county.

The Youth Conservation Community Project, or YCCIP, was sponsored by the COOR Intermediate School District, the Northeast Michigan Manpower Consortium and the Northern National Bank of Grayling.

Stepped up enforcement of traffic laws, particularly speed limits, has resulted in an increase in the number of citations issued by county deputies. A Highway Planning Safety grant in excess of \$40,000 allowed for the recall of two deputies to the force.

Grayling Township, as a result of the population increase and an increase in the number of qualified and registered electors, now comes under the provision of Section 358 of the Michigan Election Law.

This section provides that the electors may determine to have a seven man board.

It is understandable that the spiraling cost of gasoline and other oil-related products leads to an increase in pilfering and theft of merchandise draining the pocket-books of the average consumer.

Larry Olliffe, Member Service Advisor for Michigan Rural Electric, said that power theft is becoming more and more of a problem.

Grayling and Gaylord, top two league finishers this year, dominated the Michigan Huron Shores Conference post-season Most Valuable Player team held in Gaylord last week.

Junior forwards John Junttila and Bill Roach, along with senior guard Rocky Tobin, were amongst the 14 players selected for post-season honors. Viking guards Mike Walsh and Scott Hale and center Mike Chrisman earned honorable mention awards.

Grayling's Lisa Radebaugh was among 14 Huron Shore girls named to the League's Most Valuable Player squad following the conclusion of the 1980 season. Shelly McKinney earned honorable mention.

Last Saturday the Grayling Middle School hosted its fifth annual Middle School Wrestling Tournament. Out of nine teams competing, Grayling finished on top with a lopsided 198 points to second place St. Ignace with 95 points.

Two hundred Cub Scouts, parents and guests attended the group's annual Blue-Gold Banquet.

The event began with a spaghetti dinner, which celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Cub Scouting.

Laura Johnston of Military Road spotted two robins on Thursday morning, the first day of spring.

### 46 Years Ago

March 28, 1957

The Grayling Woman's Club is sponsoring the fourth annual Trade Show at the Grayling High School. Merchants will be at booths and will acquaint the public with the many varied services available in our own hometown.

Two grand openings are being celebrated this weekend by two new stores in Grayling.

The B and C Supermarket on US-27 will be offering many fine buys.

The Ben Franklin store is brand new from stem to stern, and will be giving out gifts for those visiting the store Friday and Saturday.

Dave Lowe and Bob Strong, senior co-captains of the Grayling High Vikings were honored by the Northern Class C Conference by being named for the second year to the All Conference squad.

The Grayling Vikes came within an eyelash of bringing home from Lansing the State High School Class C Championship.

It took the State Champions, Lakeview, to defeat the Vikes in a 65 to 63 overtime game.

Three Frederic Eagles were named to the Snowland Class D Conference team. Named to the team were Bob Pratt, Bruce Welch and Larry Baynham.

The snow at Bear Lake is now all gone. All signs of spring are in the air, even Mrs. Fisher is out riding her bicycle.

People in the area of Bear Lake have reported seeing many deer, and say they look to be in good condition following the winter.

### 69 Years Ago

March 28, 1934

Grayling Lumberjacks and Roscommon Ramblers have each won two games this season and

next Tuesday will play off the tie on Grayling's court. There is a lot of rivalry between the two teams and this will settle the questions for at least this season as to which of the two teams are the champions.

Superintendent P.G. Galsman of Grayling Fish Hatchery says that this has been the coldest March in the history of Grayling. There have been ten nights during the month when it has been below zero.

\$1,100.66 worth of 1934 license plates for automobiles were purchased Saturday from the County Treasurer.

If you see a car coming down the street and it looks as though it were running backwards, that's Fred Welsh's new DeSoto. It looks like a knockout and was purchased just last weekend.

For many years Mrs. Frieda Lenartz used to pay her subscription to the *Avalanche* about the time the robins returned from the South. Those were days when our down-river friends could only come to town after the spring thaws.

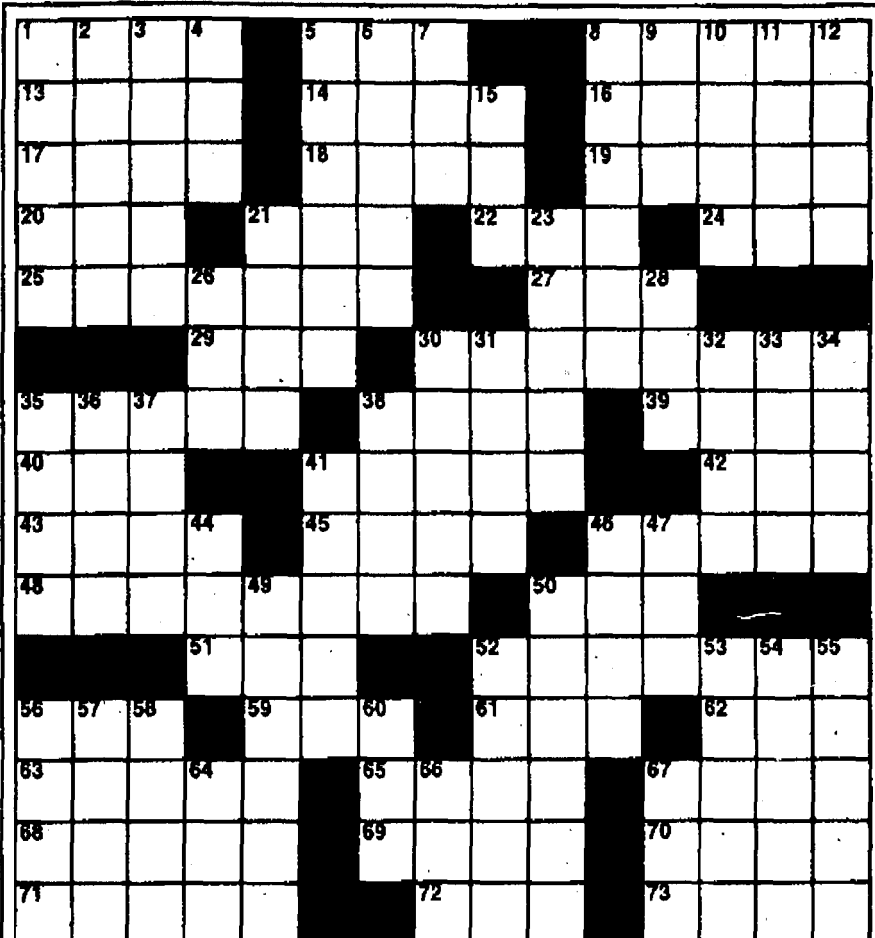
### 92 Years Ago

March 30, 1911

Ed Sorenson was in from Michelson Tuesday. He reports the new lath mill is ready for operation, and four or five houses in process of erection, and expect about 20 more during the season.

Marvin Post G. A. R. No. 240, is giving thanks to Postmaster Bates for a finely arranged inkstand set in a piece of laurel root from the battlefield of Lookout Mountain, which he obtained during his recent visit there and at the convention at Chattanooga. A number of our comrades were there during the unpleasantness of the early 60's and the name brings to them most vivid recollections.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

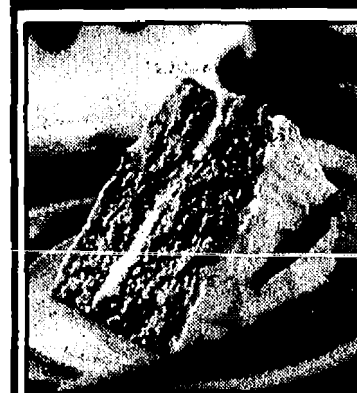
1. A French abbot
5. NBC and CBS rival
8. Absorption unit
13. Sheep noises
14. Yeast
16. A collection of maps
17. This: Spanish
18. Spumante (Italian wine)
19. Froth
20. A pituitary hormone that stimulates the function of the thyroid gland
21. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
22. Sound to express relief
24. Corpulent count, abbr.
25. Cowards
27. Medical: shortened form
29. Lily, frog's hangout
30. Occurring every fall, for example
35. Professional wrestlers Bret and Owen, et al.
38. Bodies: shortened form
39. About aviation: prefix
40. Environmental Protection Agency: abbr.
41. Tortoise' racing opponents
42. Ancient: abbr.
43. List of foods in a restaurant
45. Kwa
46. Chinese province
48. Looks at carefully
50. 'Hee'
51. Genus of macaws

### DOWN

1. Aids
2. Vocalists
3. Places to wash oneself
4. Compass point midway between E and SE
5. Humiliated
6. A relation that provides the foundation for something
7. Cathode-ray tube: abbr.
8. Bands or ribbons worn about the waist or shoulder
9. Adenosine triphosphate: abbr.
10. Smudge into a haze
11. Unstressed-stressed in poetic rhythm
12. Nanosecond: abbr.
15. Farrow, actress
21. Herbaceous plants
23. Get together
26. Seaport, abbr.
28. Dead on arrival: abbr.
30. Short-billed rails
31. Biblical garden
32. Tide
33. Thomas, British composer, 1700
34. Ness (Scottish lake)
35. A complex red organic pigment containing iron
36. The highest point of something
37. Type genus of the Ranidae
38. To cook, in a way
41. West German city
44. Thurman, actress
46. Type of rabbit
47. Be in debt
49. Pigmented parts of eyes
50. Large, heavy rope for nautical use
52. Norman Vincent, author
53. Dark brownish black
54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
55. Caesar, fruit or egg, for example
56. Semitic fertility god
57. Pimples
58. Clarified butter used in Indian cooking
60. Digital Audio Tape: abbr.
64. Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male
66. 'humbul'
67. Swiss River

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**Cake:**  
1 package (17.5 oz.) Fat Free Cranberry Orange Muffin Mix (1 pouch muffin mix and 1 can cranberries)  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup grated carrots  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained  
**Icing:**  
1/2 cup (4 oz.) lite cream cheese or Neufchâtel

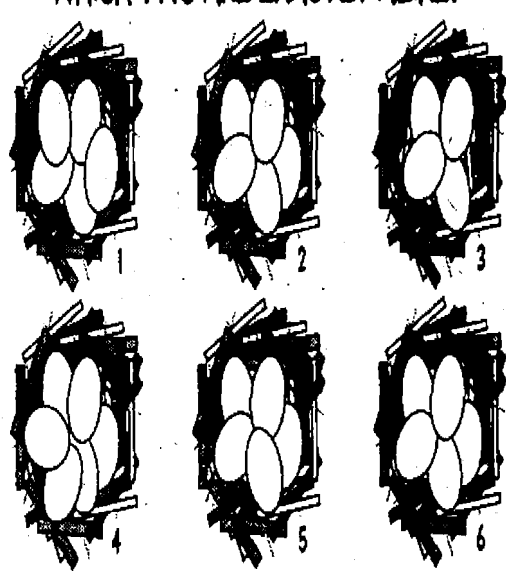
## Cranberry Carrot Cake

2-1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
Preheat oven to 350°F.  
**For Cake:** In medium bowl, blend together Krusteaz muffin mix and water. Add carrots, nuts, cinnamon and allspice. Stir until moistened. Drain cranberries and pineapple. Fold into batter. Spoon batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans. Bake 28-30 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Let cool 10-15 min-

utes and remove from pans to wire rack. Cool completely and frost with cream cheese icing.  
**For Icing:** Place cream cheese, sugar and orange zest in medium bowl. Using an electric mixer, mix on medium speed for 1 minute or until smooth. To frost, place one cake layer on plate. Spread with half of icing, leaving sides unfrosted. Place remaining layer on top of frosted layer. Spread icing over top, leaving sides unfrosted.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

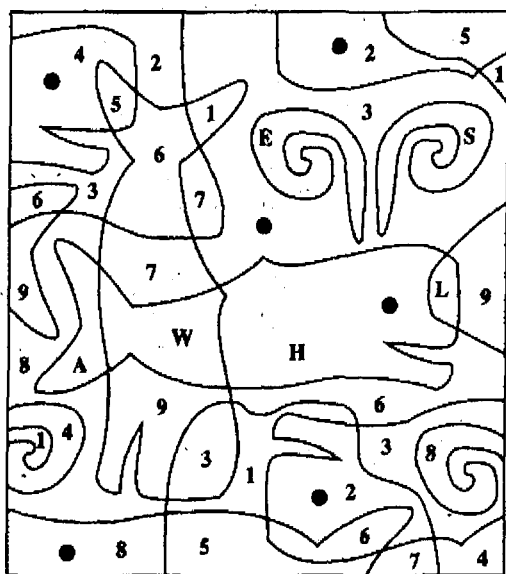


## DID YOU KNOW

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em.

William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Adopt a Pet



Dinah is a 7 or 8 month old Beagle mix. She is spayed and has all of her shots. She is very loving and sweet. Dinah seems to be housebroken and will not be a very big dog. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the *Avalanche* for either item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
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## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 27, 2003



**ADRIAN**  
December 29-January 19

It's amazing how much time you have invested in a home improvement project. Before you go any further, consider how much longer it's going to take you to finish—it may be worth it to hire a professional.



**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

A recent situation has led you to a deeper appreciation of the people around you. Tell your friends and family how important they are, and thank them for everything they do for you.



**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

The week looks promising. You will finish several projects at work and catch up on chores at home, leaving you lots of free time to play.



**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22

Opportunities abound, and you just may get your wish. Check your calendar—a special occasion is closer than you think. Prepare for it now.



**TARIN**  
February 20-March 18

You were hoping for better times, but don't worry. Things will be looking up by the end of this week. An invitation to a party arrives in the mail.



**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

With a recent turn in events, life now seems complete, but is it? Look around and see if there's anything you're missing. You might be surprised by what you discover.



**LEO**  
July 23-August 22

Priorities change, and you could be affected. Take it in stride and encourage others to do the same. Don't forget about an important engagement.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21

As the end of the week approaches you will discover just how strong you can be in a tough situation. A friend needs a favor, say yes.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 19-December 18

With a recent turn in the market, your finances seem secure, but are they? Set up an appointment with a financial analyst and find out how sound your investments are.



**PISCES**  
January 21-February 18

A book or film motivates you to reach out to others. Serve food at a local mission or take an elderly neighbor shopping—go wherever you are needed and donate a few hours of your time.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 21-February 18

It's odd how little contact you've had with your family recently. You might want to give one of them a call and make sure everything is okay.



**GEMINI**  
March 21-April 19

Your neighbor has been asking way too many questions about a matter between you and your family. Approach them calmly and explain that while you appreciate their interest,



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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

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**Connie Thomas**  
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**ADJOINS AUSABLE RIVER STATE FOREST!** Quality custom full log home on 5 acres of hardwoods. 1,200 s.f. plus full walk out basement. Vaulted ceilings, knotty pine interior, hardwood and ceramic tile flooring. 3 B/R, 2 bath. Very Secluded! CH-1715 \$159,900

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**Above the Crowd!**

**DOLLARS MAKE SENSE** when invested in this two bedroom, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Large utility room, 2 car detached garage, 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$44,900

**NORTHERN WHITETAILS DEER RANCH!** Excellent business or hobby. Fenced 65 acres fully stocked with Pope & Young/Boone & Crockett bucks, 7 ponds, 6 blinds, barn w/garden area and large lean-to, numerous irrigated food plots and breeder pens. Beautiful 2,332 s.f. ranch home offering 3 B/R, 2 baths, large living room, family room, and den, spacious kitchen with ample cabinets and storage. Landscaped yard, sprinkling system, underground pool with extensive decking overlooking a gorgeous trout pond. Concrete drive, 1 car heated attached garage, 1 1/2 car detached garage, and 30 x 40 heated detached garage with 12 ft. doors. A must see to believe! Call for marketing packet. CH-1714

**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES** with additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, creosote vinyl windows, ceramic tile in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. Ausable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900

**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500

**6 ACRES WITH DEEDED EASEMENT** to Ausable River "Holy Waters" and adjoining state land on south & east sides. Newer 1,865 s.f. spacious ranch home offering 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, sliding door onto 6 x 8 porch, 10 x 32 deck, foundation for attached garage, and a 32 x 32 pole barn with two 10 x 32 lean-tos. Great location close to town and very secluded! CH-1713 \$144,900

**JUST FINISHED, NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME.** 1 YEAR BUILDER'S WARRANTY! Gorgeous new home in newly developed subdivision. 2,260 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 1/2 baths, open staircase to loft, 17' ceiling in large living room, ceramic tile in bath, utility, and entry, maple cabinets, oak & maple flooring in dining and kitchen, knock-down drywall, Andersen Windows. 24x30 finished garage, colored brick look drive, and colored patio. Possible custom colors at buyer's choice. CH-1659 \$199,000

**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manufactured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000

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**Nice Family Home!** This home needs some TLC, but will be a great family home. 3 bedrooms; nice and roomy. Close to town and golf course. \$98,900 #20018

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**Lovely Home Available with 5 or 10 Acres!** Available with 5 acres for \$124,900, or with 10 acres for \$129,900 - 3 BR, 2 bath home with central air, includes appliances, 30 x 40 heated garage. New drywall and some new floor coverings in 2002. 2 x 6 walls, deep 4" well, extra large septic & drainfield. \$124,900 #225719

**Nice Ranch in Hunting & Snowmobile Area!** 3 bedroom ranch with attached garage on over 5 acres. Just minutes from town with great snowmobiling and hunting. Extra 20' x 24' pole barn for all the toys. \$67,900 #225685

**Great Curb Appeal!** Immaculate 3 BR, 2 bath home with 12 x 22 enclosed sun room, large master bath, decks on 2 sides, oversized garage with concrete floor-electric-drive thru doors. Park like setting, approximately 5 miles from Roscommon and near State land. \$99,900 #11128

**Nice Home with New Kitchen!** Just 5 miles from Roscommon, this 3BR, 1 bath home is just off a major paved road. Completely remodeled interior, new kitchen, all new electric, and 2 new porches. Close to State land and Kirtland College, great for a family. \$64,900 #220100

**Energy-Efficient Home in City!** Enjoy the convenience of in-town living. This energy-efficient 3BR, 2 bath home has been well-cared for. New roof in 1998, painted inside and out in 2000 & 2001 and newer vinyl in kitchen and baths. Fenced-in back yard with extensive decking and patio with benches. Lots of storage throughout and a black-top driveway. \$95,000 #220794

**Well Cared For Home!** Well cared for 2BR, 2 bath home on 2.5 acres, 24 x 24 foot garage, new water softener, close to Grayling on blacktop road. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$79,900 #220909

**Beautiful Brand New Home!** New home with country charm. Has all the extras and is ready to move right into. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a 24 x 20 garage, and landscaped lot! \$89,000 #221850

**Business on Michigan Avenue!** Great business opportunity, now being run as a retail store and a separate business as a coffee shop. \$93,500 will include furniture, fixtures and inventory. \$84,500 includes just the building, to be sold as is. \$93,500 #222805

**10 Acres in Maple Forest!** A nice place for your home or vacation house. A great spot for a mini-farm in the snowbelt, yet close to I-75. \$26,900 #224910

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**Hunting Property with Deer Blinds!** Beautiful 10.18 acres of hunting property full of oak with 3 deer blinds and power only 360' away. Great building site for home or cabin. \$29,900 #223955

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**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** in Beaver Creek Township. \$550 month plus utilities. Security deposit required. (989) 275-5192 (-27/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03tf/2)

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**ONE BEDROOM UPPER APARTMENT**, completely furnished. Very private setting on Manistee River. All utilities provided. Seven miles from town. \$500 month. (989) 348-9714 (-6-13-20-27/2)

## 2. For Rent

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**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

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**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** in town. \$425 per month. (989) 348-2473 (-27/2)

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## 3. Employment

**SPRING AND SUMMER** are right around the corner. We are looking for friendly, and enthusiastic people for both full and part-time to sell fun stuff. Send resume to Opportunity, P.O. Box 667, Grayling, MI 49738. (3/27/03tf/3)

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**REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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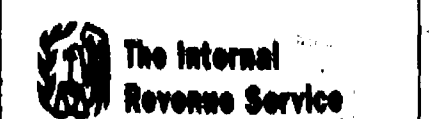
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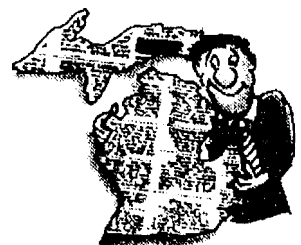
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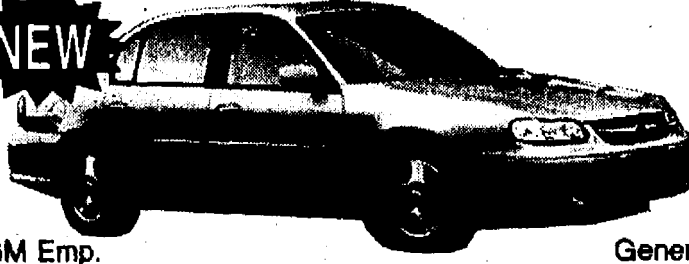




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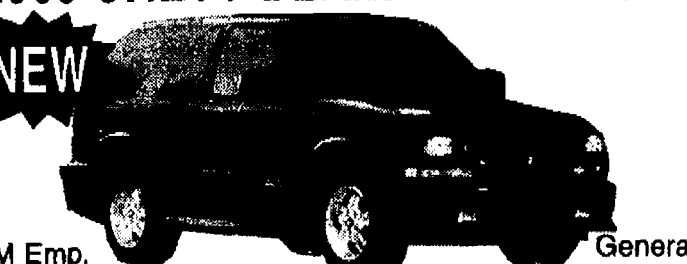
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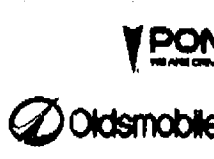

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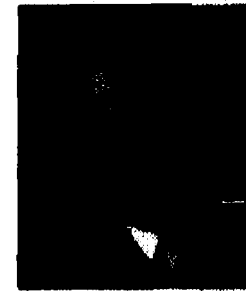



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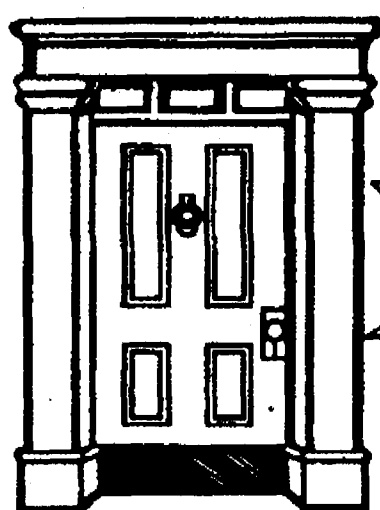
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## Home Appliances And Carbon Monoxide



Installing carbon monoxide alarms on each level of the house, particularly near sleeping areas, is one way to help protect against the silent killer.

(IHIT) - Accidental CO poisoning claims about 1,500 lives annually and about one in five deaths involves heating or cooking equipment. The best defenses against carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home are making sure that heating and cooking appliances are properly installed and maintained, and that CO alarms are installed on each level of a home-particularly near sleeping areas. Tips on how to check for carbon monoxide hazards and a room-by-room safety audit are available at [www.firstalert.com](http://www.firstalert.com).

When appliances and vents work properly and an adequate supply of carbon monoxide alarms are installed throughout the house, residents can help protect themselves and their families from this silent killer.

Carbon monoxide can build up wherever flammable fuel is burned. Potential culprits of carbon monoxide in the home include:

- Gas stove and range top - Because these appliances are often unvented, they can be common sources of CO in the home. To help prevent CO from seeping, regular cleaning of the range top, oven cavity and burners is recommended. Keeping these appliances maintained and in working condition can also help reduce the chance of CO poisoning.

- Gas furnace and water heater - Improper installation or damage from basement flooding can cause both these appliances to produce harmful levels of CO. A clogged or dirty burner can also negatively affect the air/fuel mixture. Soot buildup and a pilot light mostly yellow in color could be indicators that the fuel is burning incompletely. A qualified technician (usually employed by a local oil or gas company) can inspect the furnace and water heater to ensure the air and fuel mixture is adjusted correctly and to make sure the burner components are cleaned.

- Gas clothes dryer - A faulty or improperly installed dryer can be a CO hazard. Exhaust pipes clogged with lint can also cause CO to build up. Again, regular inspection and maintenance are good preventive measures, as is cleaning the lint filter after each use.

While checking the common household appliances, the chimney and wood-burning stove should also be inspected. If a bird's nest, leaves or soot are blocked in the chimney, CO can vent back into the home. Periodic inspection and cleaning by a chimney sweep company is recommended, and a screened cap placed over the top of a chimney can discourage nest building.

Before starting a fire, be sure the flue is open and not clogged, and keep the flue open until the fire is completely out to allow the gases to safely escape through the chimney.

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Homeowners looking for a low-maintenance, environmentally sound outdoor living area should consider a brick deck or patio. If elevation is not needed, a brick patio like the one shown is a low-cost, do-it-yourself project.

## Brick: An Attractive And Affordable Alternative For Decks

(IHIT) — In light of the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement regarding the phase-out of arsenic-laced, pressure-treated lumber, homeowners across the country are rethinking the safety of their existing wood decks and looking for alternatives for new construction.

So, what's the alternative? Many people building or rebuilding a deck initially consider using lumber treated with one of the non-arsenic-based pesticides being introduced into the market.

A masonry material like brick, however, offers an alternative that not only solves the immediate safety and environmental issues, but provides a more attractive, durable and useful surface that will remain virtually maintenance-free for years to come.

Brick, one of the "greenest" building materials around for thousands of years, can be used to cover a masonry-constructed deck, creating a natural extension of a brick home or a value-added addition to any home.

According to Sam McGee, co-owner of North Carolina-based McGee Brothers Masonry, the largest masonry contracting company in the country, a brick deck is surprisingly easy and affordable to build and can actually solve many of the common homeowner complaints about wood decks. According to McGee, advantages of a brick-covered masonry deck include the following:

- **SOLID AND DEPENDABLE...** A brick deck, like a brick house, is solid and dependable. No swaying in the breeze or shaking when the kids jump on a solidly constructed masonry deck.

- **TOTALLY INFLAMMABLE...** A brick deck takes the worry out of family barbecues or portable outdoor fireplaces (chimineas). While fallen embers have been known to ignite wooden decks, a brick deck's flame resistance will protect both your deck and your home.

- **SPLINTER FREE...** No more annoying splinters to keep you or your kids from enjoying your deck without shoes. No more stubbed toes, either. Unlike lumber, which can warp to create an uneven surface, a brick deck will maintain the integrity of its design for decades to come.

- **AGES LIKE A FINE WINE...** Instead of fading and warping that comes with a wood deck, you can expect your brick deck to actually improve with age, taking on a rich patina associated with the brick streets of days gone by. And no maintenance is required. While regular refinishing and resealing are mandatory for keeping up a wood deck's appearance, none is ever required for brick surfaces.

- **USEFUL SPACE...** Because an elevated brick deck creates a solid, nonpenetrable surface, the space below can be used as extra outdoor living or storage space, with protection from the elements.

McGee, whose company has built hundreds of brick decks, says the cost of a brick deck is comparable to a lumber deck, with brick running about 25% more than lumber decks. "A brick deck shouldn't be cost prohibitive to anyone. We build lots of small brick decks on starter homes, and in the long run it's a good investment for homebuyers and for homebuilders. Given the choice, I've never had a customer choose a wood deck over brick." McGee notes that a ballpark price for a medium-sized wood deck is \$15 per square foot, while a brick deck will run around \$20 per square foot.

Brick Industry Association Vice President Tom Perry, commented on the dilemma facing homeowners who want a deck, but don't want the carcinogenic additives that have traditionally come with pressure treated lumber. "We understand your concerns, and we want to help. Brick — made from the primal elements of earth,

water and fire — is about as back-to-nature as a building product gets. We can guarantee not only your safety from chemical treatment methods, but fire resistance, durability and virtually no maintenance for the life of the product, which for brick may be longer than your own lifetime."

Perry suggests homeowners looking for an outside living area that doesn't necessarily need to be elevated consider a brick patio, which is even less expensive than a wood deck and can be installed by most do-it-yourselfers. A downloadable guide for installing brick pavers without mortar is available at <http://www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf>.

For more information on brick paving products, distributors and masonry contractors, visit [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org) or look in your local yellow pages under brick distributors or mason contractors.

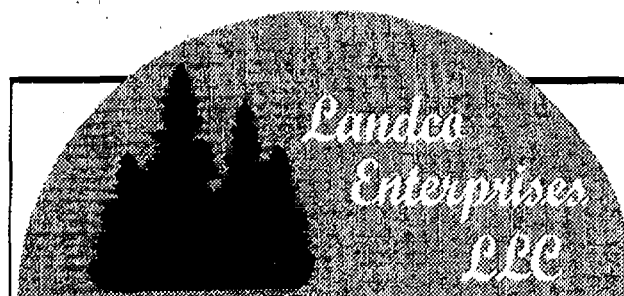
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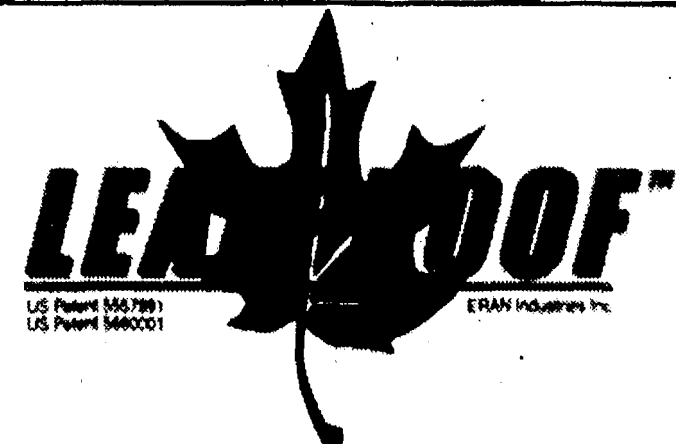
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## Conservatories Create Comfort Zone

By Lis King

(IHIT) — Talk to architects and interior designers these days, and you'll hear the word "comfort" crop up again and again as they describe current projects. Even clients with nice trust funds are shunning over-the-top rooms, instead opting for family-friendly spaces. Home magazines have jumped on the bandwagon, too, telling readers how to wrap their rooms in easy comfort. In fact, the word comfort is a favorite eye-catcher on magazine covers.

In the words of Alan Stein, architectural director of Tanglewood Conservatories, "comfort is the new glamour".

"The ideals now and in the future are comfort and easy living rather than show-off decors and pretense," he explains. "This is how we're coming to define luxury, and it is hard to think of a space that suits these new ideals

better than a conservatory. It works as a place to brunch, lunch and dine. It's a great retreat after a hectic day of work, crowds and traffic, and it's perfect for parties. It can also be a studio, a den, a spa and practically any other space associated with creature comforts."

He adds that comfort isn't just physical.

"It is emotional as well," he says. "For example, it appeals to homeowners that they can enjoy the garden year-round from a conservatory. In fact, new conservatory owners often remark that they never knew their garden was so wonderful in winter, too. They especially can't get over what a magical experience it is to be sitting in a glass room with snow falling all around you."

### Energy Efficiency

But can a glass room really be comfortable year-round?

The answer is yes, and this is true even if you live in Southern California or Northernmost Vermont. Glass is specified for top energy efficiency, and the tile and stone floors commonly used in conservatories are excellent for both radiant and passive solar heating. In hot climates, ceiling fans, window blinds, skylights that open, and exterior roof sunscreens will prevent excessive heat build-up, and just like the tile and stone floors work to conserve heat in cold climates, they will store cool night breezes and air conditioning in hot climates.

"Looking at the intricate fretwork of glass and elaborate architectural details characteristic of conservatories, it's difficult to think of them as anything but a beautiful confection," remarks Stein. "But in the hands of a good architect and conservatory specialist, they can absolutely increase a home's energy efficiency. This is a talent that's more appreciated than ever. People are looking for ways to decrease the nation's dependency on foreign oil, and this is a step in the right direction."

### Location, Location

The location of the conservato-

ry has a lot to do with its energy efficiency. Stein, who often makes as many as a dozen visits to a site before a project is finished, points out that a Southern location captures the most daylight, but it may be too hot in many regions. Eastern exposure eases cooling needs by providing sun in the morning and shade the rest of the day, but clearly this is not a good idea for somebody, who wants a retreat for after-work enjoyment.

Western exposure will bring in afternoon sun, and in many parts of the country this will be so harsh that it must be shaded. Northern exposure will provide low levels of light and partial shade most of the day. That might cause a room to be too cool in Northern states, but it would be a good idea for Southern regions. Locating a conservatory on an east-west axis in cool regions will provide the highest amount of passive solar heating benefits.

Stein calls locating a conservatory "an art" and designing and building it "serious business"

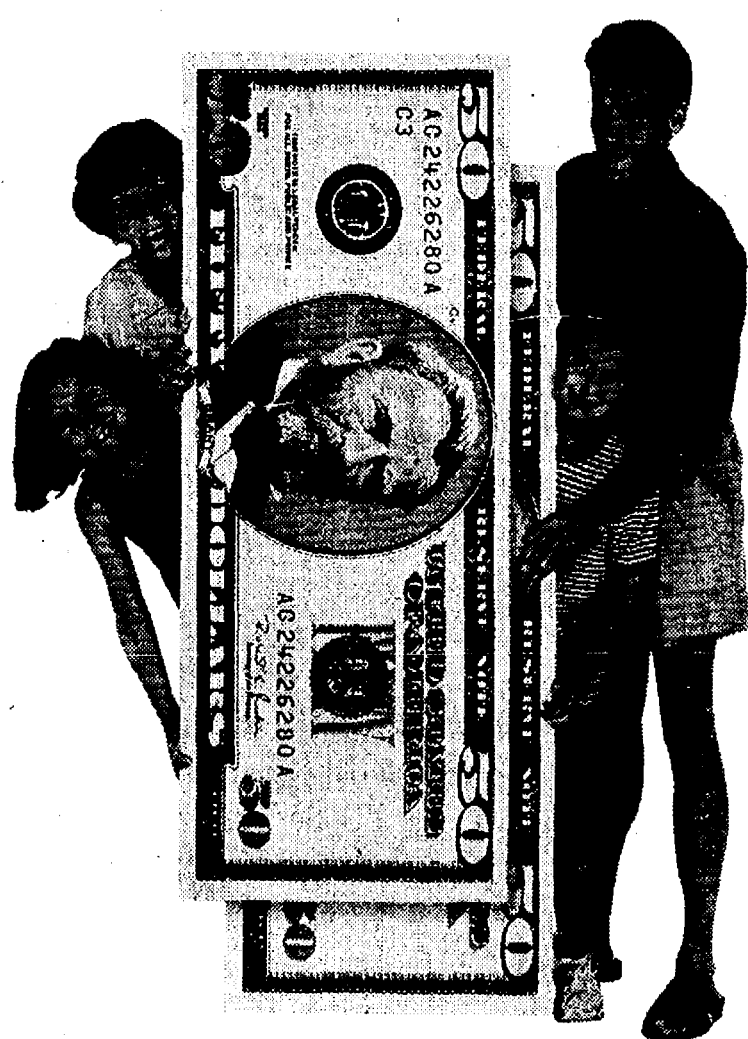
"A conservatory has to complement the home, provide a great view of the garden, suit the family's lifestyle, and function as well as it looks," he explains. "A custom-built conservatory may well cost from \$300 to \$900 per square foot, so every aspect, from site location to material choices, must be handled expertly. Consulting with a design professional and builder with a gifted eye and a proven track record is a must."

In Tanglewood's case, drawings of the proposed conservatory are presented to the homeowner. Once they are approved, the company's team of craftsmen springs into action, building the conservatory, and then disassembling it into large sections for shipment to the site. Tanglewood is located in Denton, MD, an area noted for its traditions of boat building, fine carpentry and glass artistry, all skills that enhance conservatory projects.

To see examples of the firm's colorful custom projects, check [www.tanglewoodconservatories.com](http://www.tanglewoodconservatories.com)

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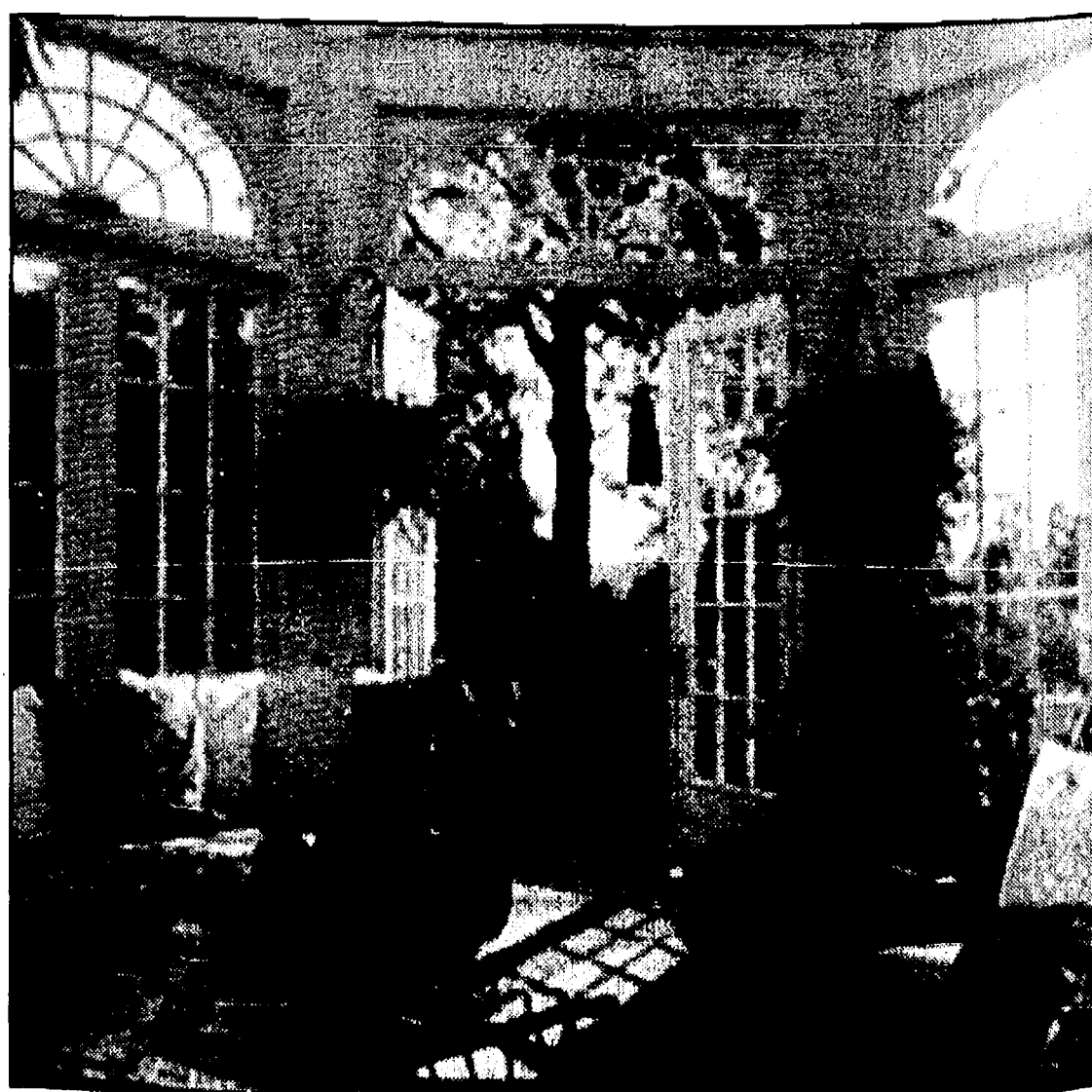


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# Insulate Your Crawl Space To Save On Summer Cooling Bills

(IHIT) – After a long winter, many homeowners look forward to tidying up their yards by removing branch and leaf debris, planting flowers, cleaning outdoor furniture and getting their air conditioning units ready for the warmer months ahead.

One area that shouldn't be overlooked, according to the CertainTeed Home Institute, is the crawlspace.

Insulating the crawlspace is a relatively easy project that can help you save on energy bills and add to the comfort of your home in the months ahead.

Most crawlspaces should be insulated with a minimum of 6-1/4" thick R-19 fiber glass insulation. If your crawlspace is not insulated, you should consider doing it yourself or hiring a professional insulation contractor to do the job.

There are two ways to insulate a crawlspace and both are equally acceptable methods. The method

you choose, however, depends largely on whether your crawlspace has water pipes and/or ducts in it. In both cases, start the project by covering the ground with four or six mil polyethylene sheeting. Then use bricks or rocks to hold the material in place.

Next, if your crawlspace does not contain pipes and ducts, insulate the crawlspace floors. To insulate the floors, press insulation between the floor joists starting at one end and working out. Insulation with a vapor barrier should be used with the vapor barrier facing up and in contact with the subfloor.

Insulation may be held in place by stapling chicken wire to the bottom of the joists, by lacing wire back and forth among nails in the bottom of the joists or using special insulation support.

In any event, be sure the ends of the fiber glass batts fit snugly up against the band joists, and the batt itself fits up against the bot-

tom of the floor. This will prevent loss of heat from convection currents.

On the other hand, if the crawlspace contains ducts and pipes, the walls should be insulated to keep the area from experiencing severe temperature extremes which can cause pipes to freeze and burst. First, install the insulation to the top of the band joist with a small piece of wood and then let it flow down the side of the wall and out approximately two feet onto the floor, so it resembles an "L" shape. If the crawlspace has vents in the walls, close the vents and insulate over them.

For more information on insulating crawl spaces, write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or call 1-800-782-8777 for the free pamphlet "How To Insulate Crawlspaces."

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## Brick: An Alternative For Decks

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The EPA's announcement on the phase-out, made last year, cited a pending federal agreement which would phase out the production of the most common variety of pressure-treated lumber by 2004 because chemicals used to protect the wood from insects and rot contain arsenic, a carcinogen. It is estimated that 90 percent of all pressure-treated wood currently on the market is treated with the arsenic-based pesticide known as chromated copper arsenic (CCA).

Pressure treated lumber, typi-

cally used in any area in which wood must be protected from decay, is often used for fences, playground equipment, building foundations, boat docks, picnic tables and the ever-popular backyard deck, found in millions of homes across the country.

How significant is the level of arsenic found in the lumber, and should you replace existing decks made of treated lumber? While the EPA has not yet published its preliminary risk assessment, environmentalists warn that arsenic levels in treated lumber are so high that homeowners should take

steps to reduce the risk, especially when children are in contact with the material, by applying an oil-based sealant or replacing the structure.

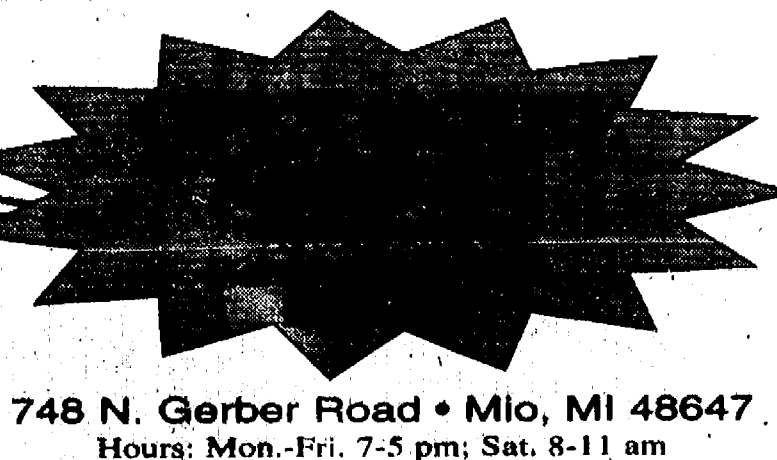
According to Paul Bogart of the Healthy Building Network, a single 12-foot-long 2' x 6' contains about 27 grams of arsenic — enough to kill 250 adults. Jane Houlihan, a vice president of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based environmental research organization, warns, "Children increase their cancer risk every time they play on this wood."

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With hot tub ownership increasing more than 30 percent over the last three years, it seems that more and more Americans are realizing the benefits of owning a hot tub.

## Overcoming The Eight Common Myths, Why Hot Tub Ownership Is On The Rise

By Megan Dyer

(IHIT) – According to a recent survey published in American Demographics, many Americans are reexamining their lives, reshaping their priorities and making changes that better balance work and family, due to the terrorist attacks that occurred in September 2001.

However, even before the tragedy of 9/11, Americans were looking for ways to cope with stress. The American Institute of Stress reports that 89 percent of adults describe experiencing "high levels of stress," and most say they are under more stress now than they were five to 10 years ago.

Add the current state of national security and the threat of a recession and you'll find that many Americans are spending more time at home.

"As Americans are 'cocooning,' they are spending money on beautifying their homes and enhancing the comforts of their personal spaces," said Jim McClure, COO of Dimension One Spas and Chairman of the National Spa and Pool Institute's (NSPI) Hot Tub Council. "The hot tub industry partially attributes its record sales in 2002 to the current cocooning trend."

With hot tub ownership increasing more than 30 percent over the last three years, it seems that more and more Americans are realizing the benefits of owning a hot tub. In fact, the NSPI estimates that approximately 3.4 million households currently have a hot tub.

"Hot tub owners are finding uses for their hot tubs beyond the realm of social entertaining - they are integrating hot tubs into backyard retreats for relaxation and renewal," said David Carleton, V.P. of Sales and Marketing at Dimension One Spas. "Additionally, 72 percent of owners believe the addition of a hot tub increases the value of their home."

What is keeping you from purchasing a hot tub? Before answering, let's gain a better understanding of hot tubs and the common myths associated with ownership.

*Myth one: I need a chemistry*

degree to keep the water in my hot tub clean.

*Reality:* Water quality tests take less than a minute! A test kit determines sanitizer level (usually bromine or chlorine), pH level, total alkalinity and calcium hardness — hot tub water must have the correct balance of the aforementioned elements.

*Myth two: The electricity a hot tub uses will cost a fortune!*

*Reality:* While the cost to operate a hot tub will vary depending upon the model, size, insulation type, geographic climate and frequency of use, the typical hot tub uses the same amount of electricity as a fan.

Consumers should consider purchasing a spa that incorporates a high-efficiency circulation pump and heater, which dramatically cuts operating costs. To conserve even more energy, purchase a spa that is 100 percent foam insulated with closed cell polyurethane — like the kind used in your freezer. This type of insulation minimizes heat loss and ensures the lowest operating costs.

Keep in mind that accessories such as a well-fitting insulated cover also HELP your hot tub retain heat and increase energy efficiency.

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# Why Hot Tub Ownership Is On The Rise

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**Myth three:** Hot tubs are not appropriate for households with small children.

**Reality:** Today's technology has introduced numerous devices and systems providing consumers with additional easy and affordable protection regarding hot tub usage. Options include:

- **Covers.** Hot tub covers are a great safety feature if they cover the entire hot tub and are impenetrable. Check to see if the cover is included in the price of the hot tub, and make sure it meets the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) F1346-91 safety standards.

- **Electronic safety features.** Many hot tub control panels include safety lock-out functions to ensure that no one can turn on the jets or adjust the temperature beyond a safe limit. Additionally, many hot tubs operate with automatic shut-off devices should the water temperature exceed the recommended maximum.

**Myth four:** I don't need a hot tub if I have a jetted bathtub.

**Reality:** There is a significant difference between a jetted bathtub and a hot tub. Hot tubs feature contoured seating, require sanitizers, are larger and are typically installed outdoors. There also are performance differences between the two products. Hot tubs are designed with the power levels necessary to deliver the full benefits of multiple hydromassage jets and allow for full body immersion, and are equipped with

heaters to deliver water temperatures conducive to providing users with therapeutic benefits.

The National Spa and Pool Institute recommends a maximum water temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Consumers should be aware of one last major difference — hot tubs can utilize the same water for long durations of time, while jetted bathtubs need to be filled for individual use.

**Myth five:** Installing a hot tub in the backyard is a major remodeling project.

**Reality:** Self-contained hot tubs generally require very little site preparation. Typically, all that is needed is a dedicated electrical outlet, typically 220 volts, a nearby water hose, and a firm, level area that is able to support the hot tub. Most dealers deliver and set up the unit as a service that is built into the price of the hot tub.

**Myth six:** A hot tub is a novelty purchase.

**Reality:** Unlike some purchases, hot tubs get plenty of use from their owners. A recent NSPI survey of hot tub owners found that 80 percent use their hot tub as much or more than anticipated. Furthermore, another NSPI study found that 90 percent of current hot tub owners would recommend hot tub ownership to a friend.

**Myth seven:** Outdoor hot tubs are limited to seasonal use.

**Reality:** Technology advances in hot tub heating systems and insulation allow for year-round usage.

"Most hot tub owners prefer to utilize their tubs during the cooler months," said Carleton. "Consumers can purchase a winterizing kit to ensure the maintenance of their hot tubs that includes insulation for the unit, pipes and support equipment, an insulated cover to retain heat, and a device to help protect your hot tub from freezing that is monitored by a thermostat or timer."

**Myth eight:** Hot tubs are difficult to clean and maintain.

**Reality:** While hot tubs aren't maintenance free, they are easy to maintain. In addition to routine water care, hot tub manufacturers recommend that owners should:

- Clean the filter at least once a month — this usually just requires rinsing the filter with a garden hose.

- Drain and refill the tub with fresh water once every three to four months (depending on frequency of use); clean the unit thoroughly at this time.

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- Cleaning chemicals
- Smoke from tobacco products, cooking, candles
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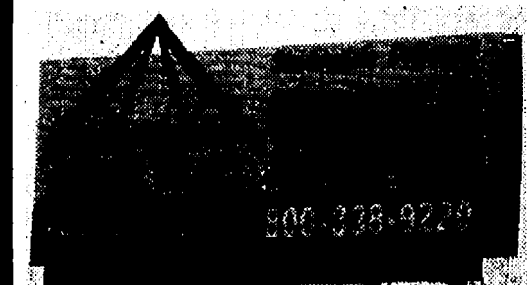
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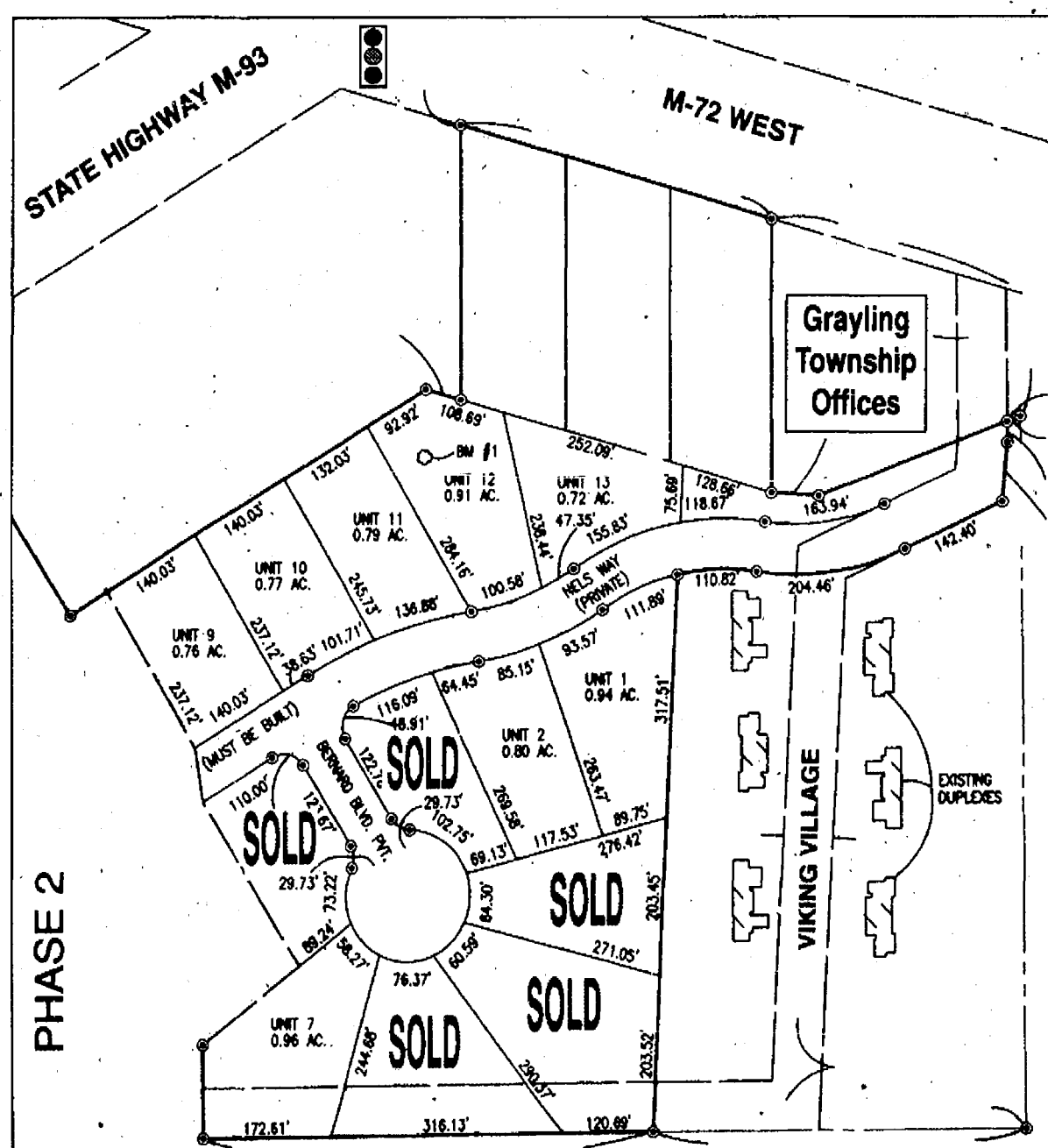
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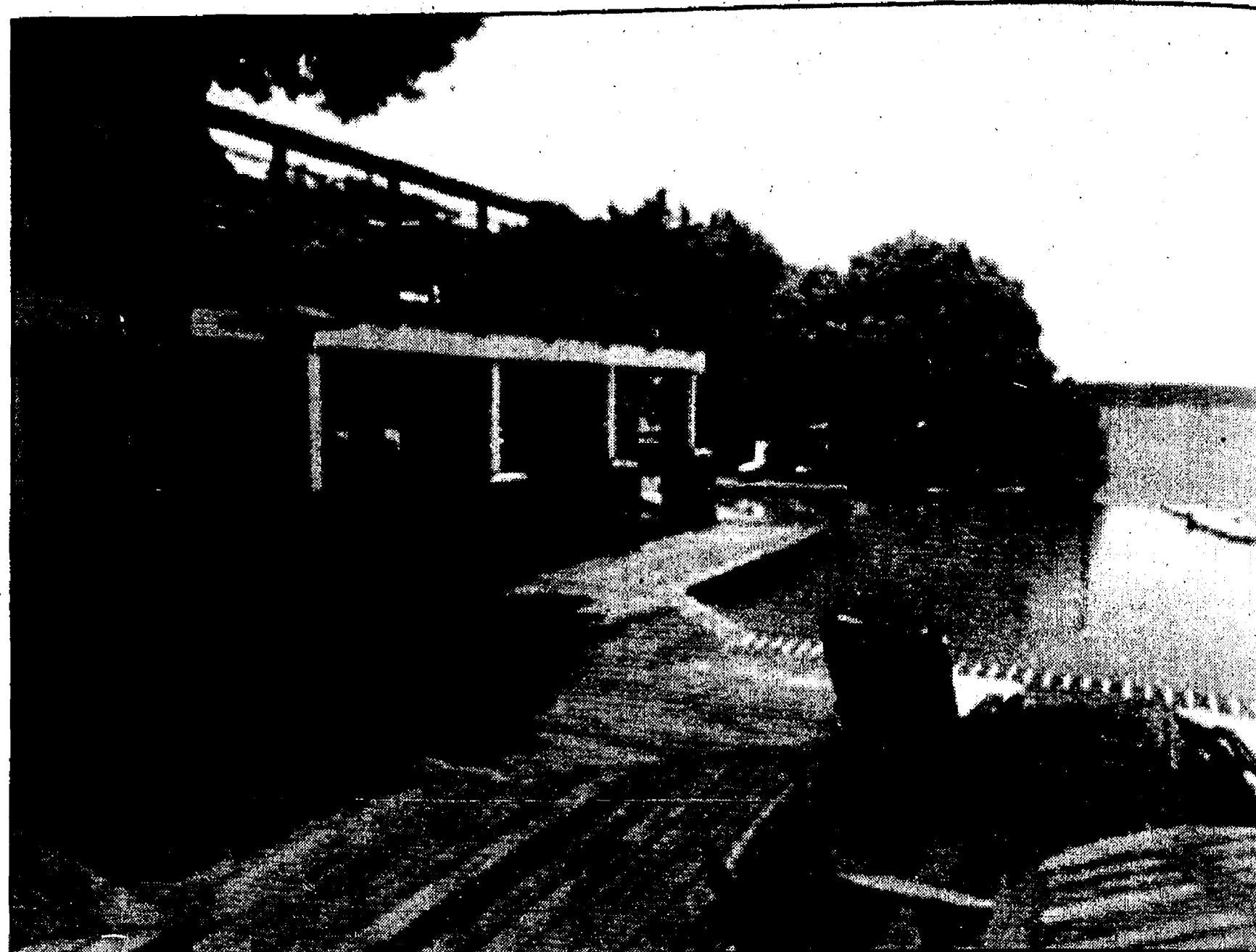
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Natural Deck — Decks are great places for family fun and parties, but be careful what materials you use to build them.

# Decks Expand Living Spaces

By Lis King

(IHIT) — The deck has become America's favorite add-on, and no wonder. Architecturally, it adds importance to a house, and, of course, it extends indoor living spaces and increases the usefulness of outdoor areas. It is a great place for kids to play and grown-ups to relax or party. It can be a simple platform or a multi-tiered extravaganza, and it associates easily with steps and fences in any landscaping plan.

But building professionals warn that for a deck to be perfect for your home and lifestyle, you need to start out with a good plan.

"A well-planned deck should complement the house and provide a smooth transition to the

yard," explains Cole Martin of Earthfloor.com, on-line marketers of home remodeling and design products. "There are so many things to consider. For example, a deck can be designed for privacy or exposure. It can be located to catch a cool breeze or protect against harsh ocean winds. It can be an elegant setting for parties, an informal outdoor room for family meals, or a secluded spot for a hot tub or sunbathing.

"The possibilities are infinite, so the whole family needs to sit down and make a wish list. Then you can begin to do away with excesses and zero in on a design that fulfills as many of your dreams as possible. Then you will have to select materials and patterns for the decking, railings and stairs. If you get stuck, seek help from professionals."

#### Size It Right

Being too stingy with the size of your deck is one of the most common planning errors. According to the design team at Earthfloor.com, you should plan on circa 20 sq. ft. of space per person, who will be using the deck. That makes it easy to compute if you are merely building a family deck, but it becomes a bit more complicated if you are going to use it for entertaining.

The Earthfloor planners say that you should plan on a minimum of 64 sq. ft. for a dining table and chairs, but remember that you also need space for people to move around. There should be at least 3 ft. of space between activity areas.

On a large lot, you have to bal-

ance the size of the deck with other yard features, such as pool, lawn and flower garden, but on a small lot, the worst thing you can do is skimp on the deck size. It will just emphasize how small your yard is. Better let the deck take up virtually all the space, say the Earthfloor specialists.

#### Choices

Ever cognizant of environmental factors, Earthfloor.com frowns on lumbers treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) for any area of the deck that may come in contact with humans or animals.

"We only deliver natural woods designed by nature for outdoor use," explains Martin. "Ipe is such a wood. It is three times harder than oak, and it is as close to termite-proof as any wood on the planet. In Atlantic City, it is used for boardwalk decking, and it has stood up to salt water winters for 25 years. The previous pressure-treated pine decking had to be replaced every eight years."

It is hard to imagine that a wood this functional can also be exquisite, but Ipe is just that. Martin says that its deep rich color is reminiscent of mahogany.

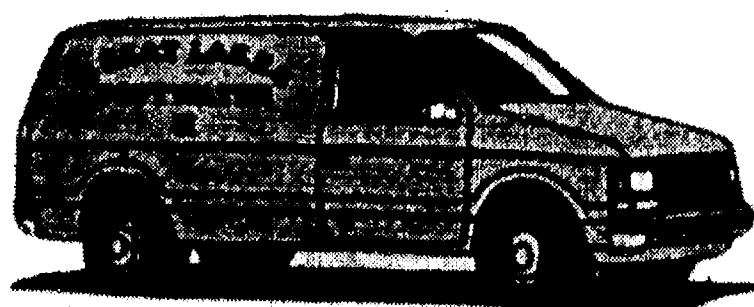
"Both homeowners and professional designers rave about the way a Ipe floor flatters the most elegant room," he says. "But our design team wants them to take that elegance one step further, namely to an adjoining deck. That creates visual continuity between the indoors and outdoors. The deck becomes a true part of the house. It won't look like an add-on."

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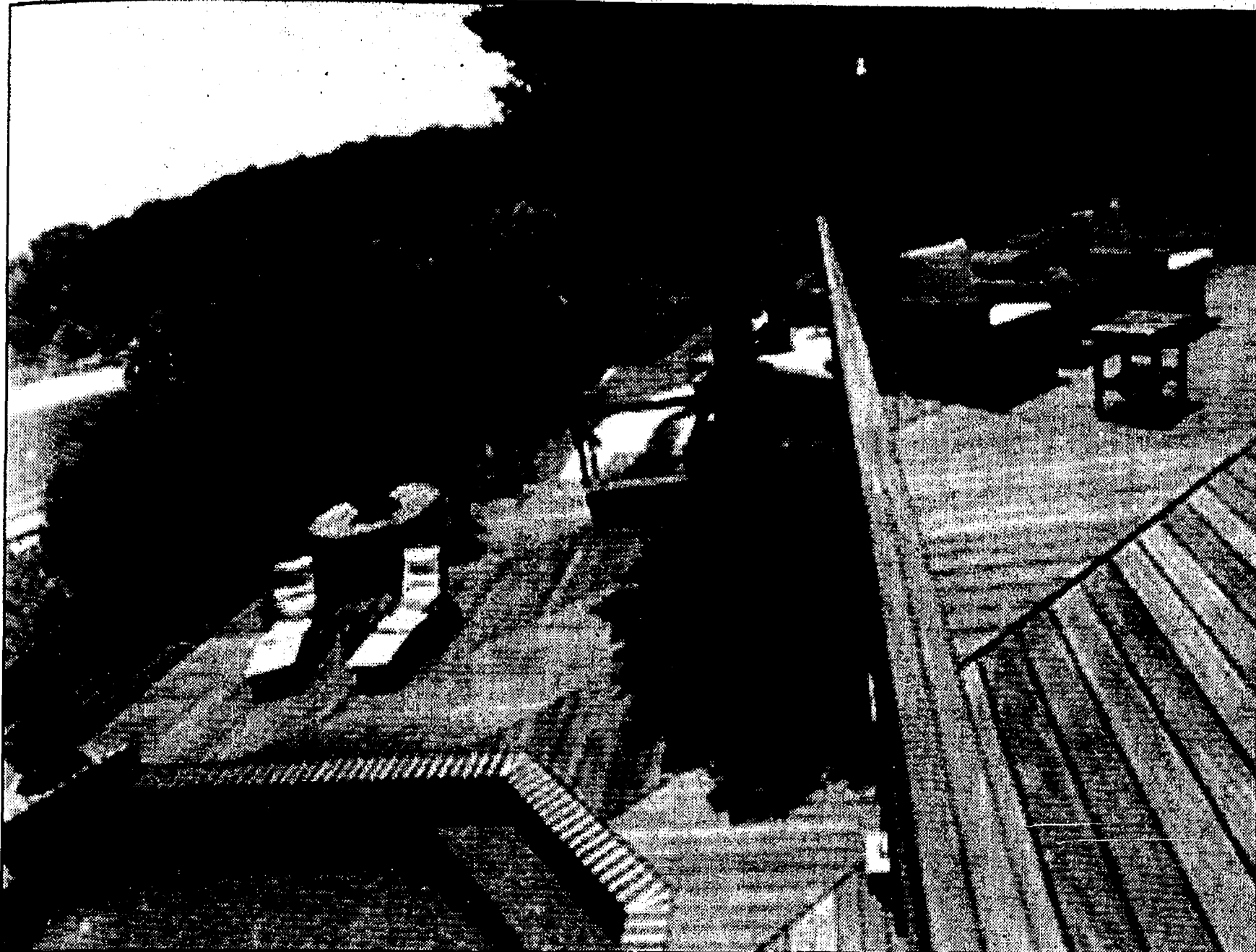
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(IHIT) - Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are the most common cause of damage to computers and other electronic equipment. Even minor surges can cause a malfunction which requires the device to be reset. The right type of surge protection can reduce your chances of loss. But a well-designed system requires an understanding of the equipment, and protection at each level.

Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, a lightning arrestor should be installed. This helps reduce the highest level of power surges caused by lightning (although nothing can save your electronics if it's a direct strike to your building). Continue this protection for lower level surges at each of the building's sub-panels, individual circuits, and outlets that serve delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding level.

The last level of protection is provided at the individual device. This is where the lowest level of harmful disturbances will be filtered out. Providing protection only at the circuit level or electrical outlet is not sufficient to guard against high-energy surges that cause permanent damage.

Balance your investment in protection with the degree of loss you might face if a sensitive electron-

ic device goes down. If your business relies heavily on computers or other microprocessors, the best bet is to provide protection at all levels.

Experts recommend that the following components be included in any surge protection system:

- Lightning arrestor on main service entrance or pole;
- Low resistance grounding that is interconnected in a solid network;
- Surge arrestor in the building service panel;
- Secondary arrestor at the individual circuit to which the electronic device is attached.

To learn more, contact your electric power supplier, equipment manufacturer, or an experienced electrician. Remember, no amount of surge protection will

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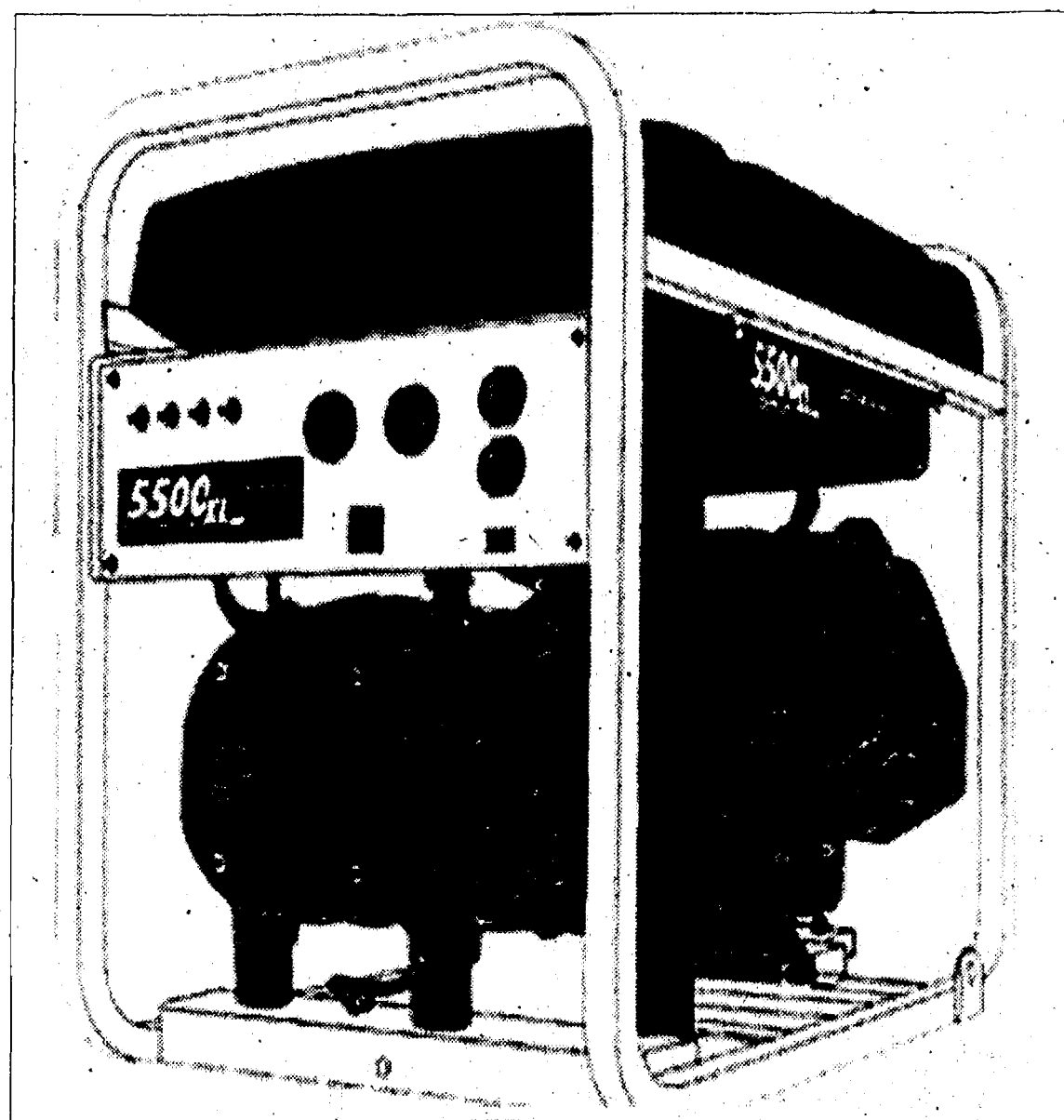
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(IHIT) - If you are considering a backup generator purchase, there are important sizing and code requirements that you need to know to insure a safe and adequate standby generator installation.

Sizing the generator takes into account the total kilowatt (kW) requirements of the electrical equipment to be served. Undersizing can leave you frustrated while oversizing is just a waste of money. Pay particular attention to anything with an electric motor.

Starting a motor requires three to seven times the current used during normal operation. Allowing for this startup or inrush of current when sizing the genera-



tor is crucial.

Electrical connections to the wiring system of the home, farm, or business requires a double-throw transfer switch. This is not a do-it-yourself project! Involve an experienced electrical contractor to insure a safe, reliable installation that meets all local and national code requirements. Another safety consideration is where the generator is placed. Unless you vent the generator fumes to the outside, never locate it inside a building, garage or basement.

A new publication is now available that contains a wealth of information about standby generators. Called "Sizing and Selecting Your Standby Generator," this 20-page illustrated guide helps homeowners, farmers and small business owners understand a correctly sized and safely installed standby gen-

eration system.

It explains the various types of generators available, such as engine or tractor driven, portable or permanently anchored units. Three examples are provided to illustrate proper matching of the electrical capacity to the particular load requirements.

One section is devoted to the need for a double-throw transfer switch. Also the names, locations, and phone numbers of 32 major generator suppliers are included to assist readers with the selection process.

To order this booklet, call the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC) at 1-573-875-7155 or fax 1-573-449-5322, mentioning "Sizing and Selecting Your Standby Generator." The price is \$9.75 (includes shipping and handling). Learn more about this, and other electrical topics at [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org).

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# Adding A Sunroom Is Like Adding A 'Jewel' To The Home



Sunroom additions are a great way to bring the beauty and serenity of the outdoors into your home while adding valuable, yet affordable, living space perfect for entertaining or just plain relaxation.

(IHIT) – While home designs continue to increase in size, so does a trend toward creating quality spaces. Deborah Rosenstein of Rosenstein Associates, a market research firm in McLean, VA, describes well-defined, quality space as “jewel box spaces” for showcasing a homeowner’s individual style and personality.

If you are building a new home, the perfect place for a “jewel box space” is a sunroom because of the unique way your design can play off natural sunlight. Glass-enclosed rooms can easily be added to nearly every floor plan – but should always be designed and installed by a sunroom specialist. If you already own a home, adding a sunroom is an economical way to expand your living space – and add new ambiance.

Designers, manufacturers and installers of custom sunrooms, say that customers are no longer looking to add boxy family rooms

– they want more luxurious, relaxing spaces and sunrooms fit the bill perfectly. They have noticed that customers are using sunrooms for more than added space, but added style as well.

Rosenstein’s idea of a “jewel box space” is easily executed when the backdrop is nature. People like having a special place to sip coffee and read the morning paper. They fill their sunrooms with comfy furniture and lush plants to create an oasis from the rest of the house and the stress of the day.

## What To Know About Sunrooms:

- To create a sunroom, you can enclose all or a portion of an existing deck, porch or patio. Or, create an entirely new room that is built with exact measurements to fit to the area available and the architectural style of your home.

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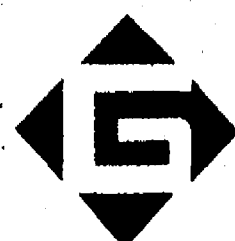
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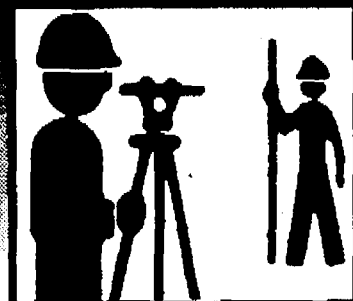


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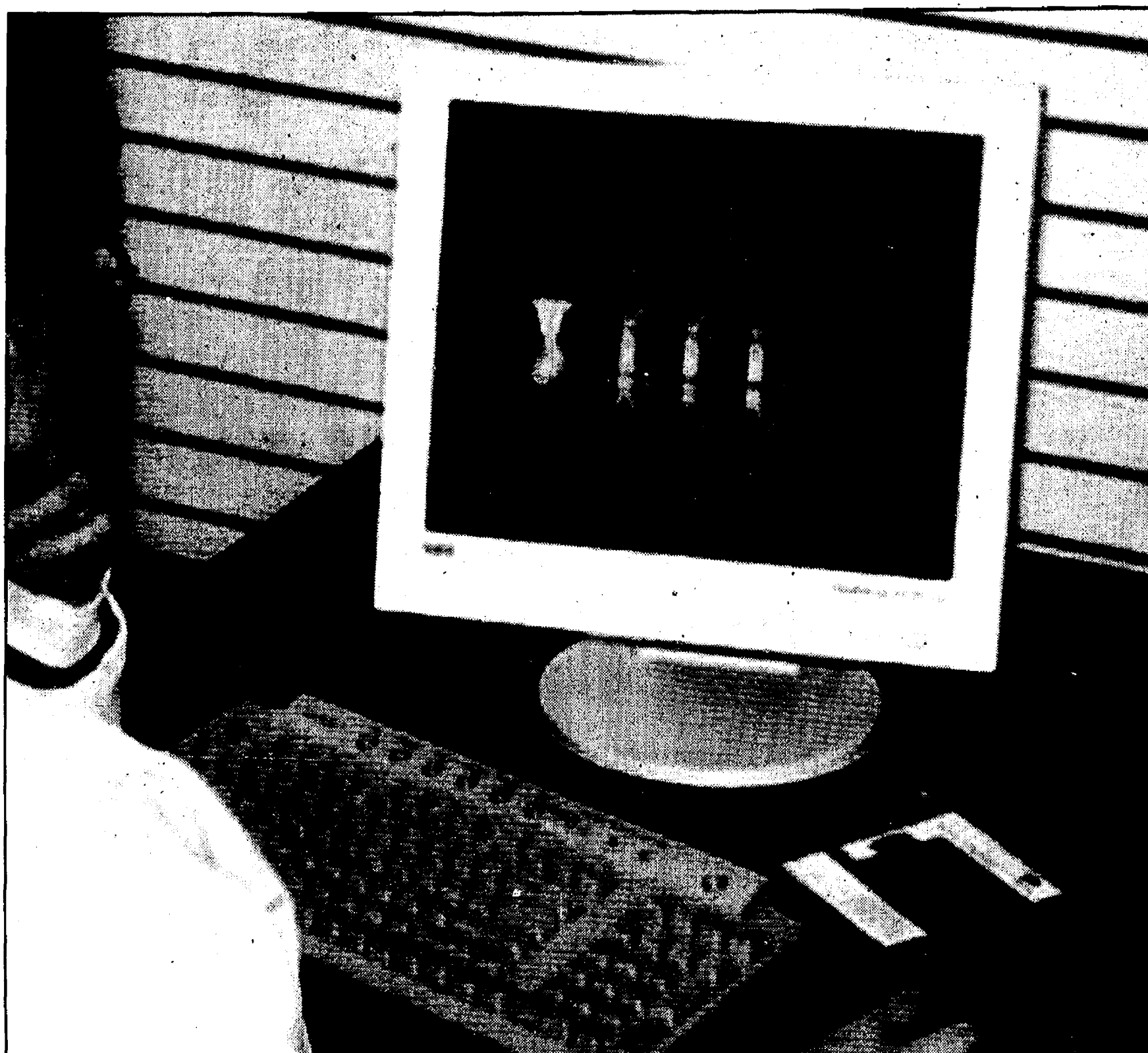
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Computer software is now available to help the novice understand the basics of electrical wiring. The software includes on-screen exercises, with point and click assembly of many common electrical applications.

## Know The Basics Of Electrical Wiring

(IHIT) – Understanding the fundamentals of electrical wiring can be valuable, particularly when you're making simple repairs or home improvements. A three-way switch, for example, is commonly used in lighting circuits to turn a light on and off from two locations. They are often used at either end of a hallway or stairs. But if one of these switches needed replacement, do you have the knowledge to wire it in correctly?

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ers, only much more sensitive to electrical faults. But, unlike fuses or circuit breakers that depend on heavy overloads to function, GFCI's sense very small electrical faults, and cut power instantly before anyone is injured. In fact, the National Electrical Code requires them on receptacles in bathrooms, garages, around pools, and on all outside receptacles.

With this brief review of GFCI's and three-way switches, where do you go next to understand wiring fundamentals? You'll need a book that illustrates several common circuits used for lighting and receptacle outlets. Full-color illustrations are best, because you can quickly see where each color wire should go. Any library will have books on this topic, or you can purchase one from local home centers or hardware stores.

One interesting teaching aid

uses the power of your home computer to explain electrical wiring. "Safe Electrical Wiring Techniques" uses on-screen color graphics and interactive exercises to assemble the most common types of electrical circuits. As a circuit is shown on the screen, the user must point and click where each wire should go. The on-screen exercises go from basic concepts, all the way to point-and-click assembly of lighting circuits, receptacles, and service panels.

With some practice, the user can then go inside example buildings to wire the lights and outlets. The CD runs on nearly all home computers, and costs \$93 (includes shipping). To learn more, contact the National Food and Energy Council at 1-573-875-7155 or visit [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org) under "Materials to Order" to view the graphics.

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screens for expansive views and refreshing breezes.

• Standard doors and windows rarely fit and must be supplemented with some type of fill that may detract from the design and obstruct your view. Only a custom manufacturer can design a sunroom to fit precisely.

• Rooflines, foundations, vinyl and aluminum materials and hardware options are designed to accentuate your home's character. Solid slope or gable style rooflines, with or without glass roof panels, or curved or angled all-glass roofs provide options for a more traditional or contempo-

rary look.

• Sunrooms can be used for family areas, observatories, dining spaces, exercise rooms, home offices, kitchen extensions, or other ideas – such as a cozy place for the family pet.

• Sunrooms will not only change the size of your home, but also the look. The house will be more open, light and airy.

As the "jewel" of the home, a sunroom also adds value to your investment.

A homeowner can expect a 70 percent return on his or her investment in a glass room, reports the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.



# Choosing Outdoor Lighting

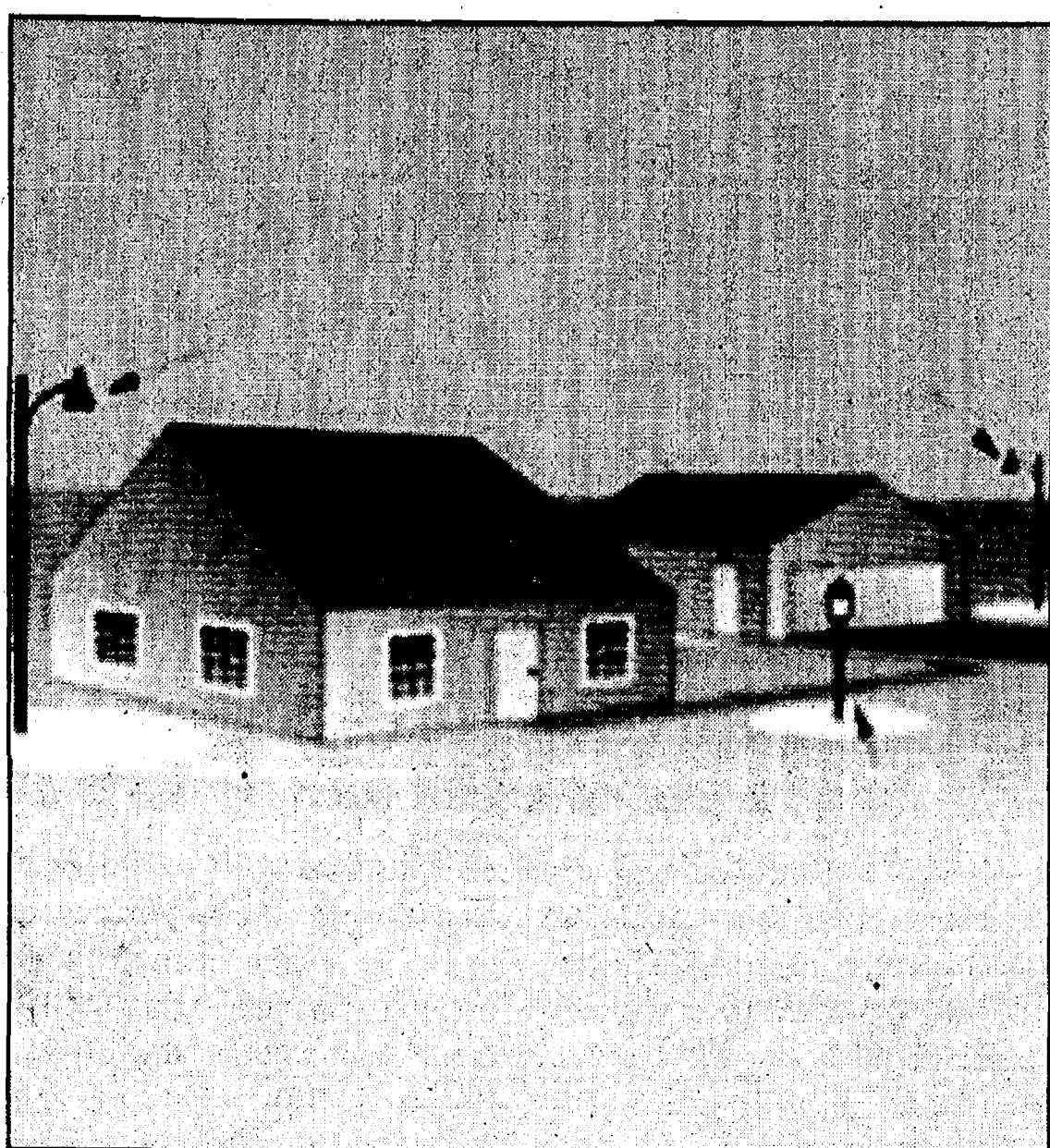
(IHIT) — A well illuminated homesite, farmstead or other rural business adds value to your property in three ways:

- Enhances personal safety and prevents injuries;
- Deters vandalism and theft;
- Extends the productive work hours and outdoor recreation time beyond sundown.

But do you know how to match the right type of light source to the need and location? If you want to illuminate the area in front of your garage, will a 40 watt low pressure sodium lamp provide enough light? How high should it be mounted? Knowing the best light source and fixture style can make all the difference in how you spend your outdoor lighting dollars.

Too often, consumers purchase whatever light fixture happens to be on sale at their local home center, without a thought about wattage, mounting height, energy efficiency, or ease of maintenance. The following recommendations can help you make a better choice.

To illuminate large areas around buildings, fuel storage or parking lots, use high intensity discharge lights (HID). This family of light sources are characterized by their intense, bright light, and must be mounted high to spread the light and avoid glare. Low pressure sodium is a common HID light source. In urban or suburban areas, be sure you're not sending light into your neighbor's window or other areas where it is not wanted. Look for fixtures with a reflector or head assembly that directs light downward. A well designed fixture may cost a little more, but you are gaining in the long run because all the light you pay for is being directed where you can use it. A typical 90 watt, high pressure sodium lamp (120 W with ballast), burning from dusk-to-dawn (about 4,100 hours/year) costs \$49.20 to operate annually, at 10¢ per kilowatt-hour.



**A well illuminated homesite enhances personal safety and prevents injuries, deters vandalism and theft, and extends productive work hours and outdoor recreation time beyond sundown.**

Around entrance doors, gates or other locked areas, use motion-sensor lights. These infrared-activated spot lights have two advantages. They are only on when needed, and their focused beam helps get keys in locks, or maneuver oversized equipment through gates or doors. The automatic off feature also saves energy, since lights are only on a short time.

Near the front walkway of your home or business, use a decorative yard light on a six foot lamp post to illuminate pathways. In addition to enhancing your home's appearance, yard lights can lower your liability for personal injury, and help visitors find their way safely. If the light will be on from dusk-to-dawn, use a compact fluorescent bulb (rather than a standard incandescent) to save energy and reduce the number of bulb change outs. Make sure it is rated for outdoor use, or it won't come on during cold temperatures.

The best overall lighting

scheme combines HID area lighting mounted high, with motion-sensor fixtures near doors, plus a decorative yard light to illuminate walkways.

Additional information can be found in the publication, "Outdoor Lighting for Safety and Productivity" available from the National Food and Energy Council. The fact-filled guide explains each type of light source, and provides recommendations on the right fixture style and placement. A list of average kilowatt-hour usage and annual operating costs for different types of lighting is provided.

The cost of a single copy is \$4.50 (includes postage). To order a copy, contact the National Food and Energy Council at 573-875-7155 or visit [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org).

## Four Steps To An Energy Efficient Home

(IHIT) — According to Edison Electric Institute, whole-house energy efficiency is the key to getting the most value from your energy dollars. Using energy efficiently is also good for the environment. The following steps can put you on your way to a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly home.

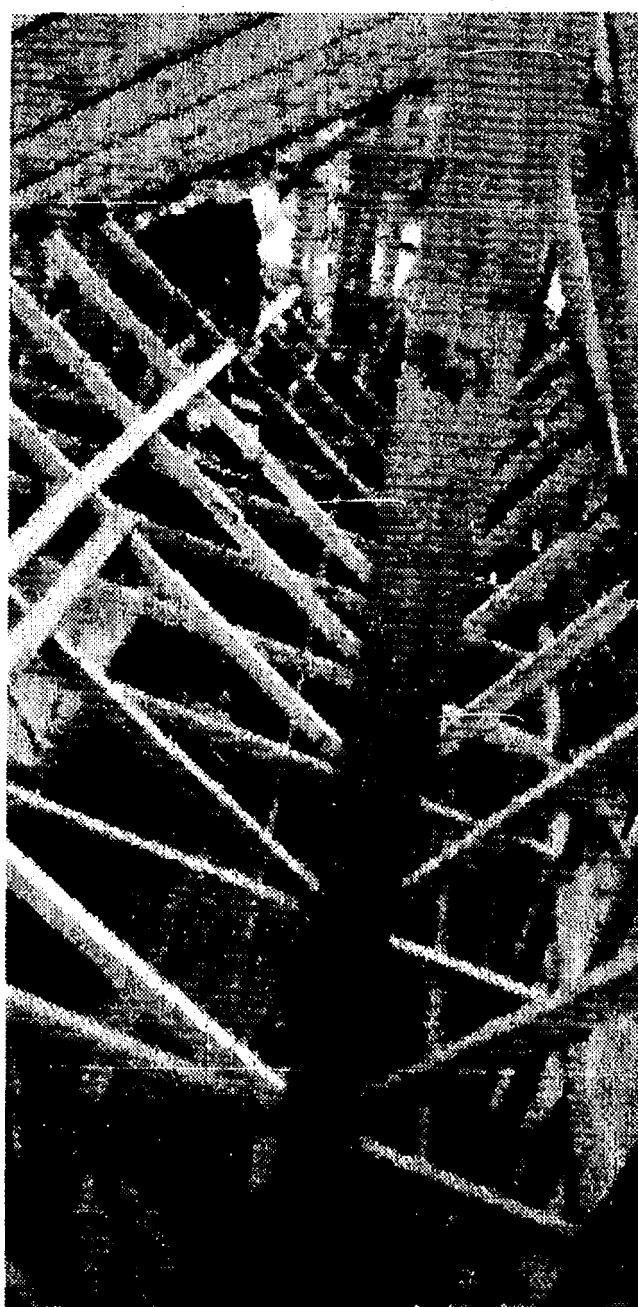
Step 1: Tighten your home's thermal envelope. This is a technical term for everything that separates the inside from the outside: roof, windows, walls, doors, and floors over crawl spaces. You can save money by stopping or slowing down air leaks and drafts here. Adequate insulation and effective caulking and weather-stripping are essential.

Step 2: Choose high-efficiency electric appliances. When buying new appliances, or replacing old ones, it pays to buy the most efficient equipment you can afford, especially for home cooling, heating, and water heating.

Step 3: Take control of your energy use. Even simple things like turning off lights when they're not needed can save energy. A programmable thermostat is another smart way to control the temperature in your home.

Step 4: Use your electric company as a resource. They can give you free information and advice about getting more value from your electricity bill. Check out their Web site to see what they have to offer.

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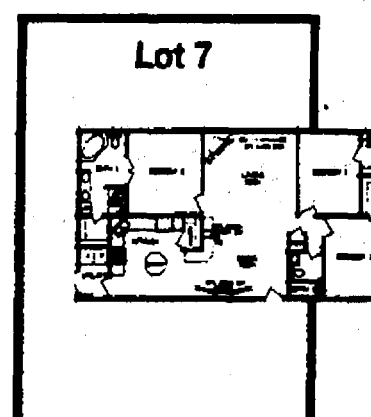
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A brick exterior can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

## Brick: Ideal For Many Architectural Period Homes

(IHIT) — Whether you're a purist looking to create your own English manor or just interested in hinting at Frank Lloyd Wright in your new home, a brick exterior can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

Let's face it, the plethora of terms used by builders, architects and realtors can be confusing at best, especially when you consider that many homes built today are a mix of several different styles. The guide below should help you identify some of the most popular styles, including, Tudor, English Country, Craftsman Bungalows and Prairie style homes, which were recently named the top home styles in About.com's Dream House survey. You'll also find a "brick pick" — that is a suggested brick type that lends itself well to the individual home style. Because brick is so diverse in its color, texture, mortar and pattern options, it is a top choice for all the architectural styles listed below.

**Tudor and English Country:** This cozy style is reminiscent of Medieval English cottages and manor homes and often include small, diamond-paned windows and exposed wood framing. Intricately patterned brickwork is also a hallmark of this period home. The Tudor was originally built from 1890-1940, but is seeing a current resurgence as indicat-

ed by its #1 position on the Dream House survey. The English country or cottage style home is similar to the Tudor, though somewhat less grand and without the exposed beamwork. This picturesque style resembles a storybook cottage with cozy corners, quirky angles and other charming details.

**Brick Pick:** Antique-look brick (also referred to as wood-mold, handmade or tumbled) in muted stone-like earth tones — buff, tan and charcoal gray — with decorative patterning in accent areas.

**Craftsman Bungalow:** A true American original, these homey bungalows featuring low-pitched roofs and exposed rafters were all the rage at the beginning of the 20th century, starting in California and quickly spreading to the rest of the country. The style's popularity ended in the 1930s, but it is now making a comeback thanks, in part, to movements toward simpler living. Representing structural simplicity, efficient use of space and understated style, it was named the #2 style in the Dream House survey.

**Brick Pick:** Understated and utilitarian, dark brown, extruded brick (very linear and consistent from brick to brick) is a perfect choice for this style. Dark green trim will accentuate the Craftsman look.

**Prairie:** Frank Lloyd Wright pioneered this modern style in Chicago at the turn of the century. Low-pitched hip roofs make these homes look as though they are part of the earth, and the square, often symmetrical lines reflect strength and homespun values. Brick which literally comes from the clay of the earth and is formed into modular, rectangular shapes is a perfect fit for the Prairie style home.

**Brick Pick:** A mixture of earth-tone brick (reds, browns and creams) blend seamlessly into the Prairie style home — the colors can be mixed in together or used in color blocks on different parts of the house. As with Craftsman homes, extruded brick works better than antique-look on the Prairie home.

**French Countryside:** Originally popular in the U.S. from 1915 — 1945, this style includes French Provincial, Normandy and Eclectic designs. Normandy homes resemble miniature castles with arched doorways and round towers, while Provincial houses are much more square and sym-

metrical, resembling small manor homes with tall hipped roofs and window shutters (think Madeline's "old house in Paris that was covered with vines" if you have kids!). French Eclectic borrows from both styles and other French influences for unique looks.

**Brick Pick:** Cool grays work well on all of these sophisticated French styles. Light gray matching mortar between the smooth, extruded brick gives these homes clean lines that allow decorative brick accents like quoins to stand out.

**Colonial:** Another broad category, this genre includes popular Georgian and Federal style homes, introduced to the U.S. just before and just after the American Revolution, respectively. Both styles were the result of influences from across the pond and were popular with new Americans trying to re-create familiar icons of prestige. Though the two are often confused, the difference is in the details. While Georgian homes are square and angular, Federal style homes include more curved lines and decorative flourishes than their simpler Georgian counterparts.

**Brick Pick:** Classic red brick is ideal for both of these traditional style homes. Choosing an antique variety enhances the Colonial period appeal.

While it's the look and feel of brick that makes it work in so many different home styles, once it's in place, homeowners will reap many other benefits including a low-maintenance home, increased resale value (brick homes have a 6% higher resale value than their non-brick neighbors) and a feeling of security that comes from living in a brick home that protects against a variety of threats — from fire to mold to bullets.

Once you've picked the style of home you like and have your house plans selected, visit your local brick distributor's showroom to make your "brick pick". They will be happy to help you find just the right match for your dream home — no matter what style or what size home you're building. Remember, even the grandest of architectural styles can be adapted to fit the not so big home. To find a distributor near you, visit the Brick Industry Association at [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org) or contact one of the Great Lakes Brick Council at 1-330-492-0303.



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| Installed Cost (\$/Sq. Ft.)             | 3.23          | 3.71        | 5.67                | 5.68                | 2.82                       |
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## Pre-inspection agreements vital to home inspection

(IHIT) – When planning to buy or sell a home it is important to remember that the single most important aspect to consider in the consumer-home inspector relationship is the requirement for the inspector to provide a pre-inspection agreement spelling out just what the consumer will and will not receive as a result of the inspection.

According to David Hetzel, founder and president of the 14-year old Home Inspection Institute, "It's not enough for an inspector to just look at things. The consumer needs to know, in writing, about the conditions the inspector observes – whether they be favorable or unfavorable to the prospective buyer."

"Where accessible," the Home Inspection Institute's "Standards of Care for The Home Inspection Professional" portends, "the inspector shall visually inspect and report" on the various components. It's just such reporting that protects the prospective homeowner from hidden interior and exterior controversy.

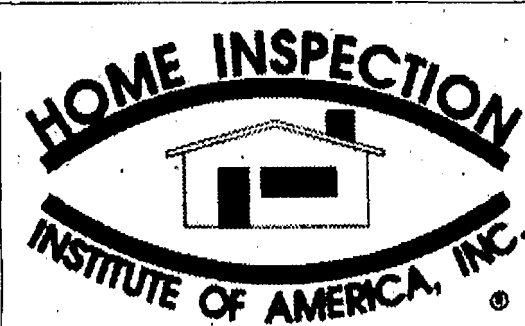
"Supporting this strict position, affordable professional liability insurance premiums are available for those home inspectors who adhere to the Institute's high standards because of the decreased number of claims," says Hetzel.

Among a group of a dozen proactive states currently regulating home inspectors, all twelve have adopted formal guidelines that reflect increasing levels of concern among regulators. Wary homeowners will want to review these guidelines and become familiar with the standards and regulations in their location.

In Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon,

Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin, licensing officials have addressed such consumer confidence issues as: (1) written pre-inspection agreements between the inspector and consumer; (2) the number and kind of components to be inspected in an individual residence; (3) actual reporting requirements; and (4) the insurability of inspection process. The result for many informed homeowners will be written agreements establishing in advance the inspector's scope, and a substantially more detailed inspection report which can contribute positively to the prospective home-owner's peace of mind.

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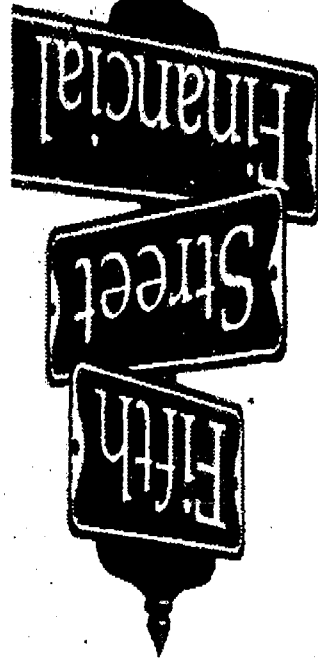


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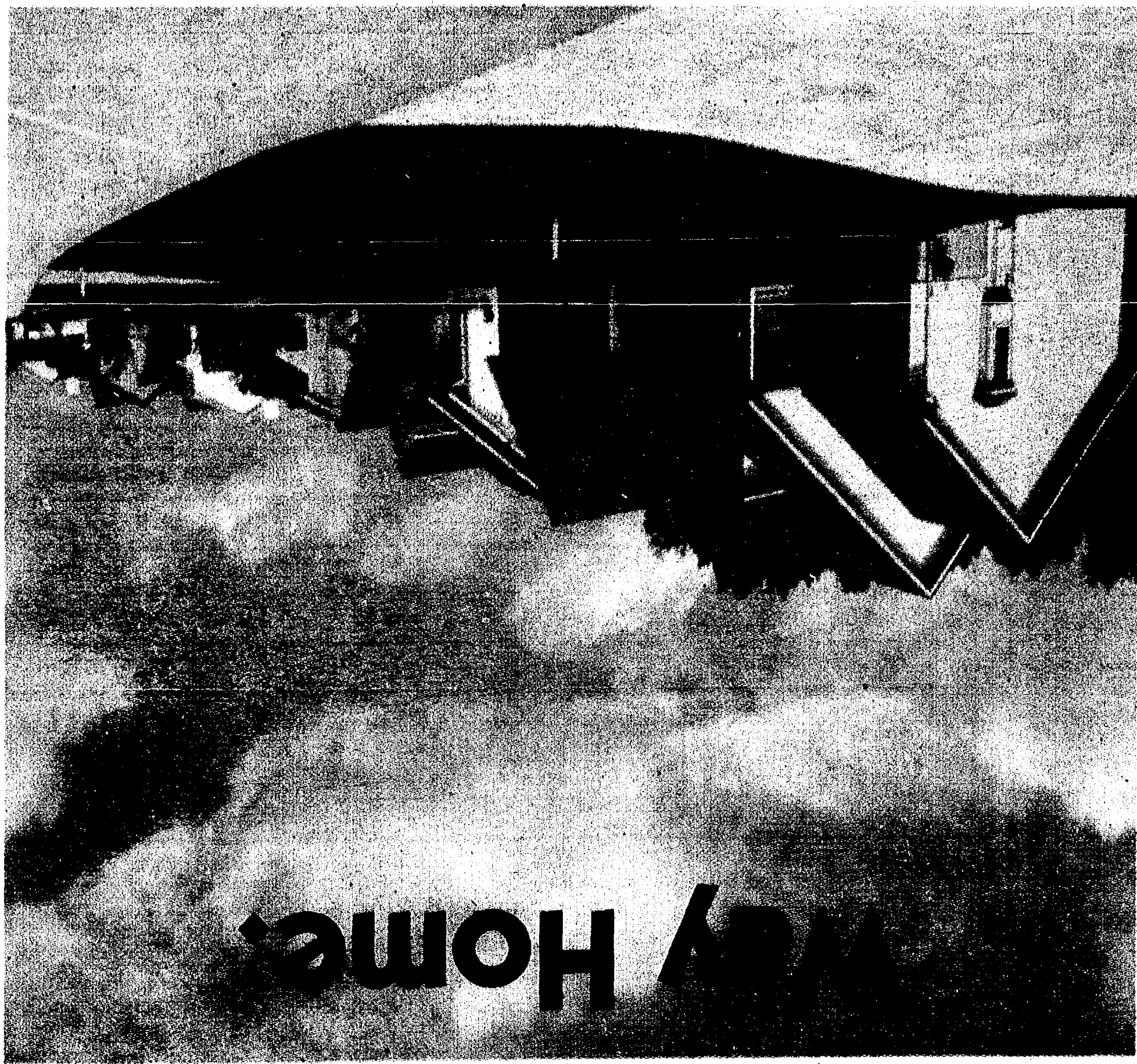
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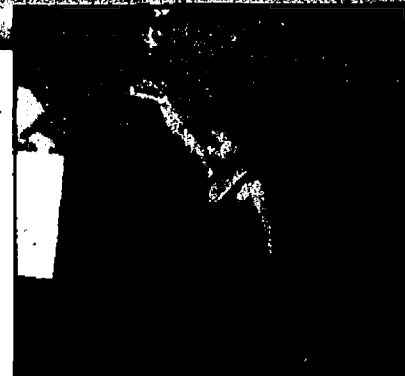
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## Legion ladies begin campaign of support

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

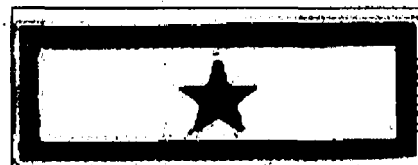
Members of the local American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 have begun a campaign to help show support for our troops serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are now selling bumper stickers, as shown above (at a much smaller size) for \$3 each and are helping to bring back the tradition of the "Blue Star Service Pin."

Blue Star Service lapel tack pins became popular during World War I and World War II. Created by the American Legion in 1917, the pins were given to mothers of those serving in battle to wear proudly, and to bring awareness of the sacrifices being made to make the world safe for democracy.

Back then, these pins and small window banners were available with the number of stars appropriate to represent each serving member of the family.

For this local campaign, the Auxiliary can only offer Blue Star lapel pins containing one



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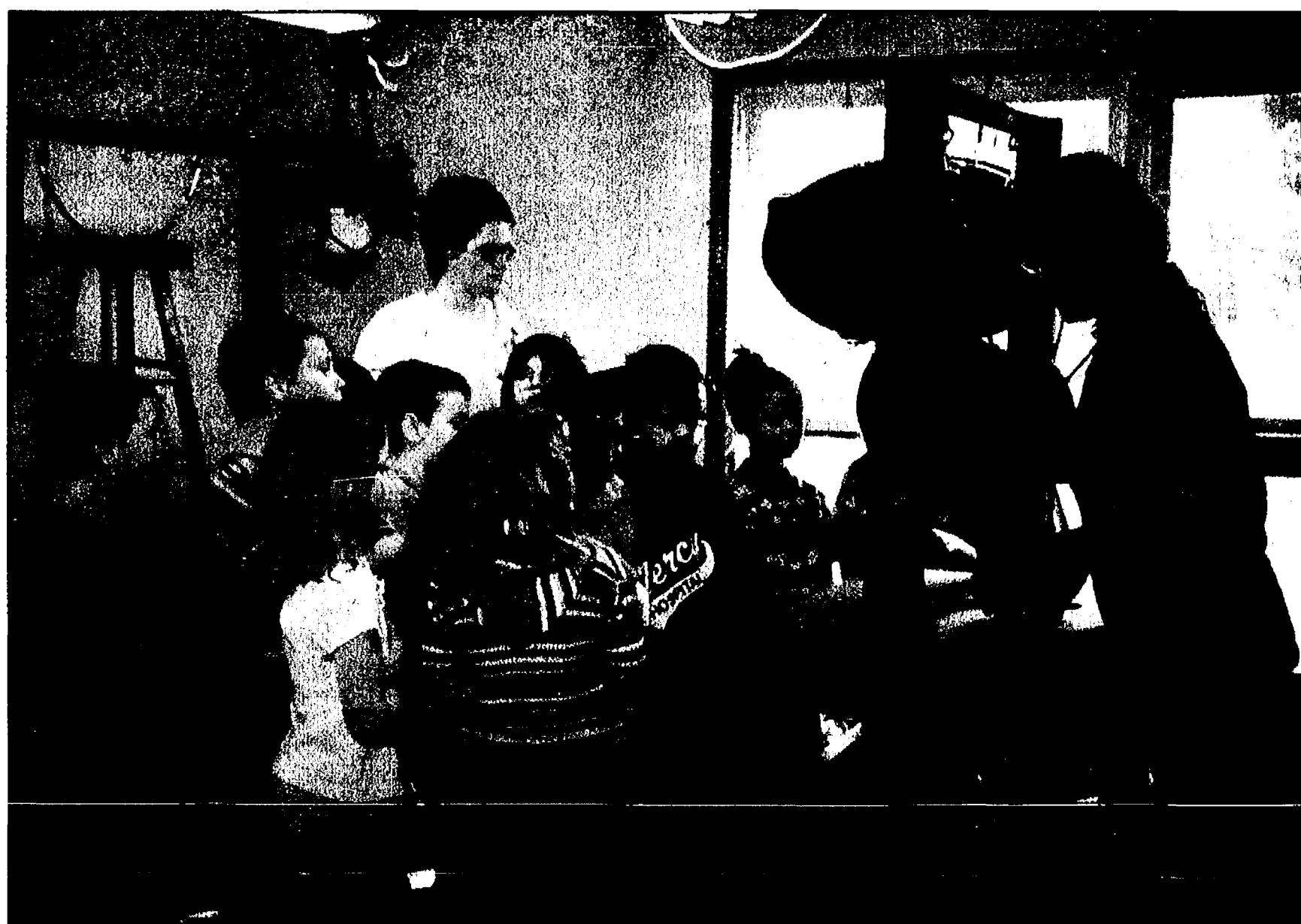
star at a price of \$8 each. The pin measures 1/4-inch by 3/4-inch and is red, white, and blue with gold trim.

Auxiliary members encourage more than just moms to purchase and wear a lapel pin. Anyone who has a loved one serving in any branch of the military is welcome to wear a Blue Star pin to help remind us of those fighting so far away and others working stateside in support of those on the front lines.

To purchase bumper stickers or Blue Star Service pins, send a check or money order in the appropriate amount, along with name and address, to: American Legion Auxiliary Post #106, 3096 Rasmus Drive, Grayling, MI 49738; or order from any Auxiliary member.

Any questions may be directed to Jeri Selthoffer at 344-2129.

## Second grade students learn pet grooming



Fifteen second-graders from AuSable Primary visited Jan Andrews, owner of Northern Tails to learn more about pet care. They have been studying pet care in their Exploration Club and on this visit to Northern Tails they learned how to clip nails, and how to bathe their pets. Andrews stressed they should never attempt to groom their pet without the supervision of an adult. Andrews' dog, Abby, was pretty laid back about the process while the students helped Andrews wash and dry her. Exploration Clubs allow students to pursue their interests and learn about careers while their teachers meet to align the curriculum and plan lessons together. Exploration Clubs are taught by people who have a special interest in the topic.

## United Way meets 2003 goal

► Raffle, CARE Night auction, employee groups help raise \$60,000

The Crawford County United Way announced last week it had met its goal for the 2003 campaign, raising more than \$60,000.

The success of the 2003 campaign has been largely attributed to community participation with two fund-raisers -- the CARE Night 2003 Auction and the Chamber/United Way \$20,000 raffle and dinner.

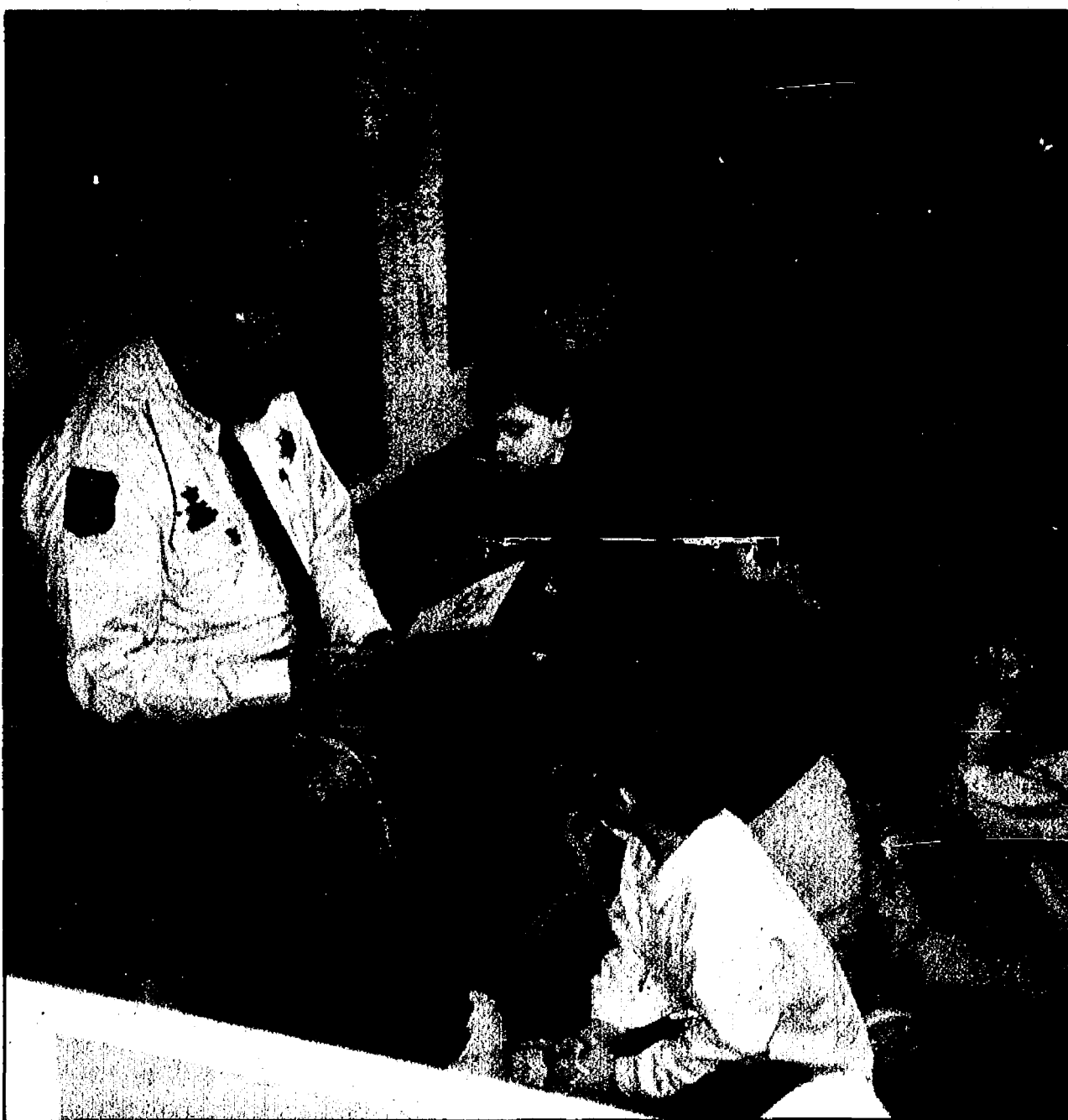
"We couldn't have done this without this community and major local contributors like Camp Grayling personnel, Mercy Hospital, DTE Energy, and Weyerhaeuser," said Executive Director April Brunger.

"It never ceases to amaze me how much this community is willing to give when they see a need," Brunger commented. "With Crawford County United Way helping to fund 16 local agencies, it's really wonderful how many Crawford County citizens will benefit from your donation. Our agency addresses issues such as substance abuse, domestic violence, child care

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See "UNITED WAY..."

## Sheriff caught reading to Head Start



Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reads *Are You My Mother?* to the Frederic Head Start students. Before he was allowed to read the book, the 14 students all introduced themselves and asked him questions. As the Sheriff read the book he showed the students the pictures and asked them questions. Wakefield's visit was part of the Crawford County Republican Party's Read to Me Committee program. The committee will have eight guest readers visit this year. At the end of each visit, each student is given a book to take home to begin building their own library.

## Youth behavior at library of concern

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Late Monday afternoon, Grayling Police were called to hear a complaint from a mother who stated her son was assaulted at the library. The incident is just one of many complaints of improper behavior by local kids at the one-year old state-of-the-art facility.

District #6 Crawford County Commissioner Rick Anderson, who serves as the county's liaison to the Library Board, aired his concerns about the misbehavior to his fellow commissioners last week at their regular meeting.

Anderson said staff members at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library seem to have lost their standing as authority figures to some of the kids using the library between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. -- the hours between when school lets out and when parents get off of work and pick their children up at the library.

Commissioner Anderson stated many volunteers have complained and some have even quit because the kids are showing a total lack of respect for staff, volunteers, library property, and the rights of other children.

Though details of the recent alleged assault by one school-aged boy on another were not available, other incidents reported to have occurred at the library include an elderly volunteer

being shoved and knocked down; a library board member being verbally assaulted; access of sexually explicit material on library computers, intense public displays of affection in the teen area of the library; and general disregard of the rules.

Anderson suggested a police officer be posted at the library during the hours when most offenses are occurring. Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said his officers stop in the library occasionally on routine patrols, but would not consider posting one of them at the library.

"If the kids are breaking the rules and refuse to leave when they are told, then the staff needs to give us a call. We will be happy to respond," Chief Schreiner said.

"Parents whose children use the library need to know that we are not a school or latchkey service," said Library Director, Edward Elsner. "Our policy regarding children is very clear and is in place for your child's safety."

The library policy reads:

1. Crawford County Library, nor any of its Branch Libraries, accepts no responsibility for unattended children on library premises.

2. Parents or adult caregivers are responsible for their children's behavior. (See Code of Behavior - Policy No. 410)

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## "Letters from Home"

The Crawford County Avalanche invites the parents and loved ones of active duty U.S. military members -- serving stateside or overseas, in any branch of the military -- to submit the mailing addresses of those service members for publication in upcoming editions of our newspaper.

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# DDA vote at least 60 days away

## ► City council conducts meeting, public hearing on DDA issue

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council recently conducted two meetings dedicated to the proposed creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in Grayling -- an informational meeting on March 12 and a public hearing on March 19 -- and the city must now wait 60 days before voting on the establishment of a DDA.

A DDA is a tool that can be used to revitalize a business district through planning and by generating funds to be used for capital improvements within the DDA district. DDAs in general are funded through Tax Increment Financing (capture of increases in property tax value within the district), grants, bonding, contributions from the governing body creating the DDA, and/or millage (the city council can approve up to two mills within the DDA district).

Each of the two DDA meetings earlier this month had over 30 people in attendance. The March 12 meeting, facilitated by repre-

sentatives of Gosling-Czubak -- the city's engineering firm -- included time for questions and answers and gathering of input from audience members. The March 19 public hearing -- a step in the DDA formation process required by law -- was mostly for input.

On March 12, the meeting facilitators asked the audience several questions and kept track of the answers. Questions included: 1) What should the city do to improve the downtown area? 2) What vehicles could the city use to accomplish these changes? 3) What are the pros and cons of establishing a DDA in Grayling? 4) What are the positive attributes of Grayling?

Citizens also spoke out and asked questions during a free comment period.

Mayor Dave Wyman said the March 12 meeting was "well-attended" and "successful."

The city opened its March 19 public hearing with a recap of the March 12 meeting, presented by Gosling-Czubak.

During the public comment session, about a dozen different people spoke up, and the mayor read two letters sent to the city with regard to the DDA issue.

There was division concerning the size of the proposed DDA district -- some felt it would be

better to start with a large district (as proposed) and shrink it later if need be, and others thought a district too large could limit city finances down the road by capturing too much of its tax revenue growth.

(The tax revenue capture would only be an issue, potentially, if a TIF plan is established. At the March 12 meeting, representatives of Gosling-Czubak said TIF would not generate much money, especially early in the DDA's life, and a TIF plan may not be worth creating with a Grayling DDA.)

Some said the south I-75 business loop area should not be included in an authority designed to help a "downtown area," and others argued that keeping the district large would put all the businesses "under one umbrella" and help with consistency and a common theme.

Representatives from Mercy Hospital and Family Independence Agency spoke in favor of creating a DDA. "We are highly supportive of a DDA," said Mary Fox of Mercy Hospital. (The hospital is not located within the proposed district, but it is located within the city limits and its employees pay city income tax.)

Fox said a strong community and downtown are significant

factors when it comes to attracting doctors and other health care professionals to the area, "which enhances the hospital's ability to serve patients."

One person, a former member of Roscommon's DDA board, said the DDA worked well there, and another speaker detailed the progress West Branch has made with its business district through formation of a DDA.

After public comment ceased, the council closed the public hearing. By law, the council must wait 60 days after the public hearing before voting on the establishment of a DDA. The 60 days allows area taxing authorities within the district time to "opt out" (not allow its tax revenue to be captured by the DDA through TIF).

The 60-day waiting period expires May 18.

The first regular council meeting after May 18 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27.

The city council isn't obligated by law to act on the DDA formation as soon as the 60-day wait ends -- it can wait longer if it desires.

In the meantime, Mayor Wyman said the city council will continue to accept input on the DDA issue from area residents by mail, phone, or in person at the city office.

# City seeks grant for park project

## ► New restroom facility, bridge, and parking spaces part of proposal

The City of Grayling and its engineering firm, Gosling-Czubak, are currently working on a grant application that could bring in money for significant

city park improvements, including construction of a stand-alone restroom facility, replacement of the park's foot bridge over the AuSable, and construction of 20 paved parking spaces.

The city council was made aware of the grant -- money available from the state's Natural Resources Trust Fund -- in late February. The city conducted a public hearing on March 1 to collect public comment and approve a recreation plan. The approval of the plan was a required part of the application process for the grant.

On March 19, the city conducted another public hearing for the recreation grant, this one to finalize the proposed projects to be included in the grant application.

Representatives of Gosling-Czubak gave a brief recap of the March 1 meeting. They said out of several possible projects, the city park got the most votes, "so now you have to pick what to do at the park."

A public restroom facility -- created through renovation of the old library building or through construction of a stand-alone structure -- was the most popular suggestion for park improve-

ments at the March 1 meeting, according to Gosling-Czubak.

On March 19, the council and members of the audience, which included several members of the city's Parks Committee, extensively discussed both restroom options (library renovation vs. stand-alone structure), and the debate boiled down to cost vs. green space.

The library renovation option was significantly more expensive. Gosling-Czubak estimated that renovating the library -- bringing it "up to code," adding "site and utility improvements," and constructing the restrooms -- would cost about \$270,000 (including engineering costs). Building an independent structure for restrooms was estimated at \$100,000 (not including engineering costs).

Tom Wellman, a member of both the city council and Parks Committee, said he was reluctant to sacrifice a significant chunk of the park's "green space" for restrooms.

In the end, Wellman moved to approve the list of projects for the grant application, with a free-standing restroom structure, with the city's grant match to come

from its income tax fund. The motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Roger Moshier voting "no."

All of the projects included in the city's grant application are: "construction of barrier-free restrooms (independent structure) -- \$100,000, construction of 20 parking spaces (paved) -- \$24,000, shoreline/pathway improvements (includes grading) -- \$66,000, construction of a fishing pier and pilings -- \$20,000, construction of canoe staging sites (includes shore stabilization and river bank improvements) -- \$37,000, construction of 1,200 square foot boardwalk and pilings -- \$54,000, and construction of an 80-foot long pedestrian bridge to replace the existing bridge -- \$122,000."

The total monetary figure on the grant is \$465,300, which includes engineering costs. If the grant is approved, the city will have to pay 25 percent (\$116,325) of the sum in matching funds in order to get the money (\$348,975).

The grant application is due at the end of the month.

## United Way meets 2003 goal


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The Crawford County United Way Board of Directors recently held election of new Executive Officers.

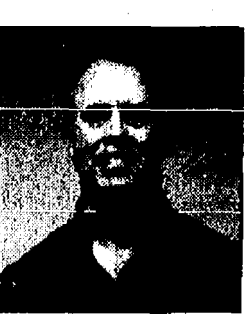
Nancy Hunt was elected President and Don Schanz was elected Vice President. Returning Secretary and Treasurer are Ivah Baggett and Wanda Finkbeiner, respectively. There are still vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving on the board are encouraged to call Edward Elsner at 348-9214 or Diana Stubbe at 348-3414.

The 2004 campaign goal will be set in June and promises to be a very exciting year, Brunger said. Watch for a charity softball game in June with the newly formed Friends of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, challenging the 9 & 10 News team.

To make a donation or offer some input for the 2004 campaign, contact the United Way office at 344-9300, by e-mail to ccuw2002@yahoo.com or mail to: Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.



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Deadline is April 28, 2003. Here are some questions to get you started:

Who is the teacher you best remember? Why? Who is the teacher who cared about you as a person? Who encouraged you to do your best, motivated you and helped you become more successful than you ever thought possible?

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# River House moves into new facility

► Public invited to Open House scheduled early this summer

After months of hard work, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services has moved into its new building.

Sandy Lewis, volunteer coordinator said: "This would not have been possible without the help of many dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the move a success."

Volunteers Fred and Carol Campbell worked nearly full-time painting portions of the old building on the property. Walter Fleeger spent many hours building beautiful storage shelves in the large pantry and donation rooms. The staff and residents of Shawano Center in Grayling worked on the weekends doing the physical work of moving large items from the old shelter to the new one.

Bill Fenwick performed repair jobs in the old and new parts of the shelter; John and Sharon Huss, along with Kevin Lewis, hung all the blinds, which were donated by Home Depot. Church and civic groups also donated time to the move.

Regular River House volunteers Delores Buell, Marie



Photo courtesy of River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

The commitment and dedication of volunteers like Ward Parker, Mary Parker, and Walter Fleeger made the transition from the old shelter to the new home of River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services an easy and joyful experience for all.

Hatfield and Sam Schoen donated extra time during the transition to help with organizing donations and setting up the storage and donation rooms. Jeanne Cardinal, Mert Brushaber and Marilyn Allison helped to get the kitchen ready for clients.

Subway of Grayling provided

much needed "fuel" for the volunteers and staff with its donation of a six-foot sub on the official moving day.

Rhoda Hacker, River House Director says, "Our move went smoothly because of these dedicated volunteers. We are so grateful for everyone who committed time and energy to this

project."

An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Anyone interested in volunteering time to River House, is asked to call Sandy Lewis, volunteer coordinator, at (989) 348-3169.

## Youth behavior at library of concern

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3. The Library will not function as a babysitting service or day care facility.

4. Safety concerns: (a) Children seven and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. They must remain in the same area of the library as the adult caregiver; (b) Climbing on tables, shelving, or other library furnishings is prohibited. This includes the play area.

5. During programs provided for children, the adults shall be encouraged to remain in the building unless consent is received from the program coordinator to leave the premises; however, the adults must be present when the program is over to pick up the children involved.

6. The staff retains the right to request the parents or responsible adults remove children who are shrieking or boisterous from the library.

7. If a warning is not heeded, the offenders will be asked to leave the library for the rest of the day.

Elsner said the Devereaux Library staff and Library Board members have been working hard to make the library experience enjoyable for all. "To that end, new policies regarding behavior have been implemented and will be enforced," Elsner warned.

The following are rules adopted by the library:

1. Treat others with consideration, kindness and respect.
2. No profane, obscene or injurious language.
3. No inappropriate physical contact.
4. Keep your conversations so they cannot be heard outside of your immediate area.
5. Keep all open food and drink in the meeting room, kitchen, fireplace area, reading

garden or entry.

6. You must be wearing a shirt and shoes.

7. Walk casually in the building (no running).

8. Only one person to a chair with all supports remaining on the floor at all times.

9. A maximum of two people working at a computer at any time.

10. Treat library property with respect, including the buildings, and only take what you have checked out.

11. Play collectible card games outside of the library.

12. Any solicitations on library property must be approved in advance.

13. Maintain your personal hygiene so as not to interfere with others using the library.

14. Smoking and tobacco product usage must be done off library property (Policy No. 403).

15. Use cellular phones outside of the library building (Policy No. 424).

16. Only animals assisting people with disabilities are permitted in the building unless approved by the Director.

17. Stay out of the bookstacks after regular closing hours unless a staff member is with you.

18. Follow all city, township and county rules and ordinances.

"Violation of this policy will subject the offender to one verbal warning," Elsner said. "Should the offender continue to disregard this policy, he or she will be ordered to leave the premises immediately and for the remainder of the day... or longer."

He added, "Let's work together to make this (the library) a safe and wonderful place for all the children of Crawford County."

## Corrections officer named 2003 Officer of the Year

Warden Thomas Birkett, of the Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC), recently announced Timothy A. McMillion has been selected Standish Correctional/ Camp Lehman 2003 Officer of the Year.

According to Birkett, Officer McMillion, of Vanderbilt, has proven to be a dedicated employee during his 10-plus years with DOC.

"He is a seasoned professional who has developed proficient skills in many areas of corrections. From rendering assistance during the Adrian riots, to intervening and stopping the assault

of a staff member, to his involvement in recruiting for the DOC, Officer McMillion continues to project a positive role model by continuously seeking to improve the environment in which he and others work and live," said Birkett.

Birkett said McMillion's dedication to the community is also worthy of recognition.

"In addition to meeting the daily challenges of his own family, Tim is an active school board

member, chairs Communication Committees, and volunteers to conduct behavioral modification with the school's at-risk juveniles and defiant youth," Birkett explained. "He also began a non-profit organization and writes grants that benefit over 200 youth in the community and surrounding areas."

McMillion also attends Central Michigan University where he is working towards a Master's Degree in Psychology.



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| Leaves Grayling | 5:45 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 6:45 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:30 a.m. |
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### LOVELLS

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### M-72 EAST

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| Leaves Grayling | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:30 a.m. |
| Leaves Grayling | 1:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 5:00 p.m.  |

### M-72 WEST

Demand Response Service

Calls Worked in Between Other Runs

### BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

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| Leaves Grayling | 7:30 a.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Leaves Grayling | 2:15 p.m.  |
| Leaves Grayling | 4:30 p.m.  |

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To Request Weekday Demand Response Services  
Call Dispatch @ 348-5409.

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD

1. Children less than 4 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, babysitter or other responsible person when riding on a CCTA vehicle.
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3. A complete copy of related program policies will be provided upon request.

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Transportation dependent individuals requiring services to health care facilities providing specialized medical services not available locally may qualify for nonemergency medical transportation services.

For information regarding this program contact:  
Dave Frederick @ 348-8215

### SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS\*\*

SCHEDULED FOR March 2003

Trip #1:

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Destination: Victories Casino - Petoskey

Departs Grayling: 8:30 a.m.

Arrives Back In Grayling: 4:00 p.m. (Approximately)

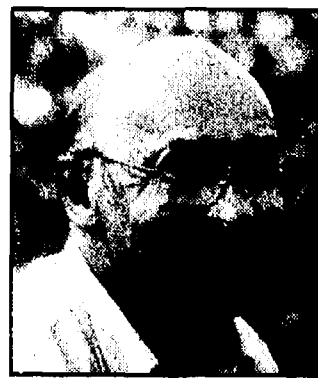
\*\*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To Reserve Seats or Request Information Concerning  
Special Event Trips  
Call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101



# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Michigan may move up in presidential nominating

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC leaders have been fighting a lonely battle for the past several years to give Michigan a more meaningful role in deciding who runs for president.

The way things stack up now is that primary voters in New Hampshire and caucus goers in Iowa make a lot of the decisions on presidential candidates.

While a relative handful of people in those two small states don't actually make the final choices for president, they have an undue influence on the outcome.

A lot of other states don't think that's fair, and Michigan Democrats are one of the few outspoken opponents who are trying to do something about it.

Senator Carl Levin, with 24 years of U.S. Senate service already under his belt, and just re-elected for another six, has been leading the charge for change.

His efforts four years ago didn't work, but this time around, they might.

He is joined this time by Debbie Dingell, Democratic national committee member and a mover and shaker in Washington on her own -- as well as being wife of U.S. Rep. John Dingell,

the dean of the U.S. House.

Michigan's brand new Democratic governor, Jennifer Granholm, an attractive and articulate national voice in national Democratic circles and widely conceded as having a great future in her party, has jumped aboard, too.

In their statements and actions so far, these three national party power houses promise action.

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE primary for 2004 is scheduled for January 24, 2004, and the Iowa caucuses may be as early as January 19, 2004.

National Democratic leaders are trying to hold the line that no other presidential selection process can be held until February 2004.

The Levin group wants to hold the Michigan Democratic presidential selection caucus before both the Iowa and New Hampshire exercises, no matter when they finally fall.

They will be battling tradition, of course, but their intention is well founded.

The way things have been shaping up lately is that after the first three or four

tests of candidate strength in primaries or caucuses or state conventions or other selection devices, the field of potential presidents winnows swiftly and the nominating process is effectively over early.

Those states which don't get their preferences on the record early are out in the cold as far as having any direct influence on selection of presidential candidates.

Late selecting states also miss out on most of the campaigning and the spending that goes into the campaigning in their states. That's bad for down home business, too.

Democratic hopefuls already have been making regular trips to New Hampshire and Iowa. How many of them have been stumping in Michigan -- except to raise money?

Why do candidates drop out if they miss the boat in early little states like Iowa or New Hampshire?

The big reason is money. It takes a lot of it to campaign across the country, and those candidates who show momentum early attract money. Those who stumble don't.

Popular support switches, too, often following trends shown in early states. Most practicing politicians know how to count.

More power to Senator Levin and his friends in their campaign to make Michigan matter. People in Michigan deserve a chance to have their voices heard

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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS have stuck with the caucus system to make their choice for presidential nominee. Michigan Republicans seem to prefer the presidential primary.

Both methods have weaknesses.

In 2004, Democrats have a bunch of candidates who are fighting for the nomination, while Republicans likely will have only one -- President George W. Bush.

Depending on how the war in Iraq progresses, even more Democrats will emerge, and possibly a few Republican challengers, too.

To have such a lopsided presidential picture is not uncommon. Usually one party or the other has a clear front runner at the outset -- the incumbent president

or vice president in many cases.

The weakness of the presidential primary -- at least in Michigan, where primaries are open to members of either party -- is the cross over vote. Voters in both parties will cross over, not to select the best candidate of the other party, but the worst.

Caucuses are closed affairs, with only committed party members permitted to take part. In itself, this exclusivity shuts out widespread participation by a public where many voters belong to neither party but have an interest in what happens but no means to express that interest.

No system is perfect, but giving two or three states what amounts to a stranglehold on the nomination of presidential candidates, year after year, is not good for the nominating process and not good for the welfare of the country, either.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Audit's high rating result of teamwork

To the editor,

On or before March 31, the auditing firm of Anderson, Tackman and Company will present to the State of Michigan the 2002 Audit Report of Crawford County.

The 2002 report an "unqualified" rating -- the highest rating a county can achieve, meaning no material weaknesses were identified in the County's accounting of finances.

This excellent report is the direct result of team effort by elected officials, department heads and employees.

Several years ago, the County received a multi-page letter of "reportable weakness" and, as a team, we set to work eliminating them. This year we achieved our goal.

Even though revenues are tight, we ended the year \$12,773 in the black. Our expenses for fiscal year 2002 were \$5,043,206, while our revenues and transfers-in were \$5,055,979.

It was a job well done by everyone.

Lynnette Corlew, Chair  
Crawford County Board of  
Commissioners  
Grayling

## Costume ladies need new home

To the editor,

In a community it takes all kinds to make things really work. We have the wonderful people in the Rotary who give not only of their funds to help those in need, but also of their time. There are the folks of the United Way, the Animal Shelter, the River House Shelter, the local nonprofit day care centers, Hanson Hills and the list goes on and on.

There are also people in this community who do little things that make such a huge difference and never ask for any kudos at all.

Three of these people have donated many hours and countless pieces of material and garments to this community for everything from their run-of-the-mill Halloween costume to the parades, Rotary minstrel shows, but especially the Grayling High School musical theatre and dramatic productions.

These three women love to create, sew and design costumes for anyone who comes calling, very rarely taking a dime to do it.

For years they were stationed in the basement of The Emporium downtown, and I'm sure many of us have walked down there for that hard-to-find

item that we couldn't dig up from our own closets. If you are like me, you went down there and you entered a world like no other. A world in which a hat could turn you into a pirate and a leather jacket could turn you into Elvis.

It was fun to just roam around there, not only looking at the regular stage costumes but the specially made ones the ladies created for shows in which many of us were involved. Great shows like "Anything Goes" and "Bye, Bye, Birdy" and "Grease." In fact, they were involved in making costumes for Grayling High School, Roscommon High School, and Kirtland Community College.

They also served by making costumes for choral events and pageants throughout this county and the next. Everywhere I went, their names were synonymous with "costume ladies" and, in my business as a Creative Director for an educational theatre company, that was good to know. They have created every costume for every children's show Acting Up Theatre Company has ever done, from a Mosquito Man superhero to a Tortoise and a Hare.

I am sure some of you out

there have been bothered by these ladies. Now Bonnie French, Marti Gosling, and Terri Gibbons are not going to be in the "basement" anymore. They have two rooms full of costumes (Grayling's memories) they have to remove by the end of the month, but there is really nowhere to put them... yet.

I don't know if anyone out there knows of such a magical place to donate to serve as a home to this community treasure of costumes, but it sure would be a shame not to have it around.

When the women first heard of this predicament, the first thing they wanted to do was donate to the school everything they had collected and created, because those are the kind of people they are. They are also the kind of people who will probably have my head for writing this letter because, as they have done for years, they have never asked for anything.

I hope there is someone out there who can help. You can contact Bonnie French at 348-7950 with any offers or inquiries regarding how you can help this worthy cause.

Chad Patterson  
Grayling

## Christians, Muslims should join in prayer

To the editor,

I am watching the live bombing of Baghdad at night. In between the sounds of explosions, I can hear the muezzin's call to evening prayer, coming from the mosques.

None of the commentators on any of the channels I switched to mentioned the prayer call, yet it was for me a poignant reminder of how many ordinary Iraqi men, women and children will be praying for themselves and for their families at this time.

I believe that Christians should join them in praying for a quick end to the fighting with as few

casualties as possible -- and even more, that once we have the upper hand (I have confidence in our military men and women) we bring true peace and justice to their country.

Osama bin Laden is predicting that we will commit atrocities and make Iraq a U.S. colony. The news that our government has already decided which oil companies are going to "get" which parts of the Iraqi oil field would seem to support his accusation. I only hope bin Laden's wrong. I really hope so.

Cathy Lester  
Grayling

## Dance was discriminating

To the editor,

This letter is in regards to the Father/Daughter Dance held at the AuSable Primary School.

I think that this dance should have been more about family instead of what it was about. My main concern is that of all those mothers who were to be excluded from coming to this dance.

I can't believe that something that ignorant would be stated on those letters sent home with our children. What if you were a single parent raising a son/daughter and you so happened to be a woman? Does that mean you couldn't be part of such an

event? Does this mean you will have no such memories with your son/daughter?

Also, what about those families who only have sons? Are there events for those families? I think that this whole issue is an outrage and very discriminating towards all mothers/fathers who raise their children together or alone.

I believe the next time you hold another event, you should include, not exclude families from such an event.

Arnold and Tracy Randall  
Grayling

## The wonderful English language

To the editor,

I believe the correct expression is to "Toe the line." (Re: March 13, "Teenager told to tow the line.") It literally means: "To stand with your toe on the starting line." It is used to mean, "to behave." Can also be used to suggest not to deviate. To be accurate.

Since "spellcheck" on computers are, of course, rather coarse, be careful if you need to write an article about people who lose pets because they run around loose here and there. You may hear from their owners.

An article about a pair of folks who pare pears could also create problems.

By the way, have you read the red book about reeds? It's a good read.

From now on, hope you can toe the line on proofreading accuracy.

Kenn Hildebrand  
Newaygo

Editor's note: Thank you, Mr. Hildebrand for your lighthearted correction and reminding us all of the pitfalls of the English language. Mark Twain once said, "The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug." Or, should I say a firefly? In any case, we stand corrected.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.



# BRIEFS

## Church offers reconciliation mission

The Catholic Church of St. Mary in Grayling will host "Reconciliation for a New Millennium," a parish mission presented by Sabbath Retreats, Sunday through Tuesday, April 6-8 at 6 p.m. each night. Each evening, God's word will be celebrated through story, drama and song lead by Fr. Lou Papes. Everyone is invited to attend regardless of denomination. Bring the whole family. For more information, call 348-7657.

## Scholar to speak about Malaysia

A Fulbright Scholar from Malaysia, Sumitra Sundram, will speak at Kirtland on "The Religions and Cultures of Malaysia" on Thursday, March 27. The public is invited. "Sundram is an excellent speaker who will give us an overview of the Malaysian cultural and religious diversity, interaction and related issues," said Tatyana Puchkova, Kirtland's director of International Programs. The presentation is at noon in Room 15 of the Instructional Center. For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 394. Or visit on line at [www.kirtland.edu/international/intprograms.htm](http://www.kirtland.edu/international/intprograms.htm).

## Friends begin campaign for military

Friends of Crawford County Libraries is now accepting donations to honor the men and women of the U.S. military services. The fund is expected to purchase books, materials, and possibly a computer to be dedicated to military communication such as e-mail between soldiers and their families back home. Books and materials would include topics such as physical fitness and conditioning, historic and political biographies, and other topics of interest regarding the various branches of the armed forces. Mail check or money order to: Friends of the Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

## Dinner to benefit cancer victim

A "Thanks-Giving Feast" is planned in honor of and to benefit Sandy Boersma, local woman battling cancer. Friends and relatives invite the public to join them Saturday, April 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., for a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Eagles Hall in Grayling. Dinner is priced at \$5 per person or \$20 for families up to six members. For more information, call 348-2097.

## Church plans all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, invites everyone to a luncheon of hot and/or cold foods on Thursday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make your own sandwich, etc. Salad and dessert are included. Take-outs will be available. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Indoor skate park closed for season

The indoor skate park at Hanson Hills Recreation Area closed on March 23 for the spring and summer due to a history of low usage during the warmer months. For more information, call 348-9266.

## Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, April 1 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

## Homeland Security info on Internet

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides information regarding the best ways for families and individuals to protect themselves in the event of a terrorist attack at its web site: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or by calling 1-800-BE-READY.

## Garden club readying for plant sale

The Grayling Garden Club will be painting pots for the annual plant sale at its next meeting, Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to join in the fun that evening at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. For more information and details regarding items to bring, call Sandy Allman at 348-4405.

## Pulmonary rehabilitation class offered at OMH

If walking quickly, climbing stairs, or trying a new exercise regimen leaves you gasping for a breath, Otsego Memorial Hospital's Pulmonary Rehabilitation program may help you. The educational and exercise program is designed to benefit people with chronic lung disease.

Some of the most common diagnoses that can benefit from this program are COPD, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma and pulmonary fibrosis. This newly expanded program from the medical professionals at Otsego Memorial Hospital is designed to help people with chronic lung disease manage their condition and improve their functional capacity.

The program is individualized to the needs of each participant, giving them the highest level of benefit possible. Under the direction of the patient's physician and program's medical director, the pulmonary rehabilitation staff carry out the patient's exercise prescription.

Participation in OMH's Pulmonary Rehabilitation program requires a physician referral and will begin on Wednesday, April 2. It will be held in the

classroom of the Professional Medical Building. Contact your family physician to determine if this program is right for you. For general information about this insurance-reimbursed program call Sandra Nemecek at (989) 731-7842.

## WMU musicians coming to Grayling

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's Command Performance Dinner Series will present Western Michigan University's (WMU) Gold Company on Thursday, April 3 in Grayling.

The Gold Company is a jazz show vocal entertainment ensemble from WMU in Kalamazoo. Its members are selected by audition from the college's enrollment of 27,000 students. The group features 16 singers and an instrumental ensemble. Gold Company, which maintains an active performance schedule throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, performs in every style - from vocal jazz and show tunes to hits of today.

The group has been selected seven times as "Outstanding Vocal Jazz Ensemble" by the International Association of Jazz Educators and has produced seven record albums and numerous demo tapes and videos for publishing companies.

Dr. Stephen Zegree, Gold Company Director, is Professor of Music at WMU. Dr. Zegree, an accomplished classical and

jazz pianist, has performed throughout the world as a pianist, conductor, and clinician.

Gold Company performs under the auspices of the School of Music at Western Michigan University, part of the College of Fine Arts. The School, led by Director Richard O'Hearn, enrolls nearly 500 music majors who study with a full-time faculty of 39 artists-professors.

The Command Performance Dinner Series is sponsored by area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

WMU's Gold Company will perform in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$27.50 each and includes a menu of filet of sole in cream sauce or beef stroganoff, rice pilaf, broccoli, salad, rolls, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. Tax and tip are also included in the ticket price.

Tickets are available at the Crawford AuSable School District Main Office, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. For more information, call (989) 348-7146.

## Annual craft show at Mio ready for visitors

The Fourteenth Annual Country at Heart Arts and Crafts Show will be held at Mio AuSable High School April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 100 quality exhibitors will come from all over Michigan bearing a variety of arts and crafts including baskets, dolls, quilts, candles, furniture, floral arrangements, stained glass, sweatshirts, potpourri and tile painting.

There will be musical entertainment throughout the day and

door prizes are given every half-hour.

There will be demonstrations for adults and children and a Kids Make-It/Take-It table where for 25 cents to \$2 kids can make their own crafts.

Lunches and snacks are available at the Country at Heart Café.

Admission is \$1 for adults and is free for children/students.

The craft show is sponsored by Mio AuSable Track and 'Girl's Basketball teams.

## Funds available to help with little league sign-up

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau will be open on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist any applicants wishing to apply for Youth Recreation Assistance Funds, which may be used to pay \$25 toward your child's Little League baseball or softball registration fees.

(Little League's \$45 registration fee is \$25 plus \$20 for two Home Run Cards. Players can either sell the cards for \$10 each to recoup the fundraising fee or

keep the cards for their own use. The cards offer the special deals at area businesses.)

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau is located in the St. Francis Episcopal Church complex at 6459 West M-72 next to the thrift shop.

If you are unable to attend this sign-up day, please stop by the office between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or call the office at 344-3262 to set up an appointment.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club  
Week ending March 23 - \$25 each: Brenda Grandmaison, Cindy Evon, Robert Steinbrick, Jane Fornell.  
Grayling Lions Lucky 13  
Winner of \$100 for Week 7 (March 21) is Judy Fox of Grayling.

## CHIROPRACTIC FOR BETTER HEALTH

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If you're suffering from shoulder pain and can't recall any injury that could be causing it, the source of the problem may be your pelvic girdle.

Three bones make up the pelvic girdle, the two hip bones and a triangular shaped cone called the sacrum. When this structure is out of alignment, it can cause strain throughout the body, including the shoulder area.

When the pelvic girdle is out of balance and not supporting your body the way it should, the body tries to adapt as best it can. But this adaptation only causes more problems. What causes the pelvic girdle to get out of balance? Poor posture

may be one cause. A spinal column out of alignment may be another. Only a full examination can get to the cause of the problem.

A well-balanced body on a proper foundation is important to your physical health. Your shoulder pain may be directly related to a structural imbalance that needs to be corrected before the pain will go away.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Censor Jesus?

Several towns in California reacted to threats by the ACLU for allowing the name of Jesus to be invoked in opening prayers at city council meetings. Now they face threats of lawsuits for banning the name of "Jesus" from their council meetings.

The Mayflower Compact was the first civil document penned by our forefathers before setting foot on these shores, and they dedicated the future of this country to the glory of Jesus Christ. When our forefathers fought the revolutionary war. They repeatedly claimed to have "No King but Jesus." Our Declaration of Independence ascribed all our unalienable rights to our creator God.

At the drafting of the U.S. Constitution in the summer of 1787, following weeks of inability to agree upon a final draft, eighty-one year old Benjamin Franklin stood and challenged our leaders with these words: "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, (Jesus, words in Matthew 10), is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it. (Psa. 127:1) I firmly believe this. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven, and its

blessing on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning." From that very day our long tradition of prayer before starting each session of the U. S. Senate and House has continued.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."

President Abraham Lincoln said in his Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer on April 30, 1863: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us

then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." It is a very deceitful and deadly thing to discredit or deny the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus warned us in Mark 8:38: "Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Don't be silenced by the Christophobia of this world. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Mercy Manor food drive helps those in need

Each year more than 23 million Americans turn to food pantries and community kitchens to fight hunger. Many of them are the most fragile members of our communities - the elderly or children under the age of 18.

To help combat hunger in communities close to home, members of the Mercy Manor Resident Council recently donated a carload of non-perishable food items to the Christian Help Center.

Part of a month-long food drive, the donation will help feed those in need in Crawford County. The food collection campaign was part of National Canned Food Month in February.

Residents of Mercy Manor, the 40-bed long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling, responded by filling donation boxes at the hospital with several varieties of canned goods, cereals, and other types of non-perishable foods. More than \$380 worth of food items were then delivered to the Grayling Christian Help Center at the end of February.

"The Mercy Manor residents were very happy to be able to participate in this worthwhile campaign," said Cheryl Kiessel, activity Director for Mercy Manor. "This is the first time the residents have done this and they



Mercy Manor resident Lillian Daviskur helps deliver items gathered during the February food drive.

found it very rewarding."

The analysis of Michigan data in the report Hunger in America 2001, conducted for America's Second Harvest, a national food bank network, gives a picture of those who are struggling in our state. They are the ones who turn to food pantries, soup kitchens, or shelters in their times of need. They face tough choices - food or rent, food or medicine, food or heat? Some key findings in the

report show that:

- About 225,000 Michigan residents receive food assistance each week.

- 40.1 percent of needy households include at least one employed adult

- 43.6 percent of the hungry are children under 18 years old

- 6.3 percent of the hungry are elderly

- 5.7 percent of the hungry are homeless.

## Having Coffee with a Friend



What a relaxing way to begin this morning...the warmth and satisfaction of that first cup of coffee...or perhaps tea or hot cocoa. The only thing better is sharing it with the warmth of a friend. You know, the way we start our day often affects how the day continues and even how it ends. Beginning our morning sharing thoughts with a friend, perhaps bouncing ideas back and forth, is a positive beginning.

God is our friend. He is always available to listen to our thoughts and our wishes. Prayer and meditation in the morning is a positive way to begin a day that is filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, the peace of an unending faith, and the courage that comes from knowing that our Father always walks beside us.

Wouldn't you like to learn more about your best friend? Worship in God's House this week, and each morning upon rising, commune with your Creator as you read from His Holy Word. The warmth of His love will follow you throughout each day as it enriches your life.

"Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

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2nd & 4th Wednesday.....7 pm  
Sunday School.....10:30 am

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Barrier Free  
Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School.....  
Sept. - May  
Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)  
Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
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Services held Saturday at  
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Church Service.....9:30 am  
Saturday.....  
Sabbath School.....  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting.....  
Tuesday.....7 pm

**Lovells Chapel**  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm

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Early Service.....8:30 am  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord  
Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Appointed Pastor Victor Slayman  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Carol Stephan  
North Down River Rd. at  
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Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Friendship Church**  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am  
Wed. Men's Bible Study.....12 noon

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
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Sunday Holy  
Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Church**  
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Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
Scott Hoffer, Pastor  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd.  
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Sunday Mornings on  
TV 29 & 8.....9 am  
Sunday Classes.....10 am  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
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Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study.....7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325

Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Terry Colby  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557

Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
Pastor Fred Coates  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(231) 258-3448

Sunday School.....10 am  
Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday.....7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
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348-5921

Wed. Morning Bible Study.....9:30 am  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

**Unity Church of Today North**  
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Forbush Corners, Frederic  
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## Michigan tornado season is approaching

With the approach of April, the chances for a tornado occurring in northern Michigan increase. Over the last 50-plus years, northwestern lower Michigan has averaged about 3 tornadoes each year whereas the state as a whole has averaged 16 per year. One possible explanation for the low number of tornadoes in northwestern lower Michigan is that the westerly winds from Lake Michigan tends to suppress tornadoes, especially in the spring and early summer months when lake temperatures are relatively cool.

The counties along Lake Huron tend to have three to four times as many tornadoes as the northwestern counties possibly because of the interaction of lake breezes with thunderstorms over that area. The breezes help to

initiate convection by providing a lifting mechanism and affect the low-level wind field in such a fashion as to increase the amount of shear resulting in a more favorable environment for tornado formation.

A study done by the National Weather Service office near Gaylord shows that the number of tornadoes spotted has increased since the 1970's but that the tornadoes are generally weak. The increase is partially attributable to the increased population and storm spotter efforts.

The majority of tornadoes in this area occur in June and July. The most active time of day for tornadoes is during the late afternoon and early evening.

Crawford County has had nine tornadoes since 1973. One in 1975 hit the business district of

Frederic, destroying a store, several trailers and injuring 14 people. Most of the other tornadoes have hit in the southern parts of the county and done some damage to homes but spent most of their time and energy destroying trees. The last reported tornado in the county was 1998.

Although tornadoes are rare everyone should have a plan in case a tornado warning (a tornado has been spotted) is issued.

If your house has a basement, move there and get under a sturdy structure (such as a workbench) or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag to help protect yourself from debris.

For homes with no basement, get to the lowest floor in an area with no windows and protect yourself with some sort of thick padding.

For mobile homes - get out! Get to a tornado shelter or lie flat on low ground away from the mobile home, protecting your head. If possible, use open ground away from trees and cars, which can be blown onto you.

If you are at work or school, be sure to become familiar with the posted building plan and safe shelter location.

If you are caught in a car and the tornado is far away and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of it path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, seek shelter in a nearby building. If there is no shelter, exit the car and lie flat on the ground on the ground, face down. Do not seek shelter under road overpasses because these are places that tend to collect a lot of flying debris.

## Kirtland raises tuition; hike lower than last year's

Kirtland Community College's board of trustees has approved a five percent across-the-board increase per credit hour for the 2003-04 school year. That's a three percent decline from last year's rate hike.

Tuition for in-district students - including residents of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties - will pay \$61.35 per credit hour, up from \$58.40. Out-of-district students will pay \$96.25 compared to \$87.25.

Out-of-state students will pay \$118.90, up from \$113.20, and international students will pay \$136.10 compared to \$129.60.

College administrators emphasized that the increase was not a reaction to drastic reductions in state funding.

Until last year, the college was able to keep tuition rate increases below the rate of inflation in order to allow students to take advantage of certain state tax benefits. But few stu-

dents did so, and the college's budget required an eight percent across-the-board increase last fall to catch up.

Kirtland president Dr. Charles Rorie credited significant increases in enrollment that enabled the college to help offset cuts in state funding.

Rorie said the college plans gradual tuition increases in the future in order to avoid a larger increase in any one year.

## GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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Joe Merchant, Jessie Morley, Chelsea Papendick, Kellan Quigley, Christina Schmidt, Reagan Schmidt, John Schneider III, Jill Seager, Maranda Shear, Brittany Sloan, Andrea Southard, Jessica Thomson, Amanda VanNuck, Chelsea VanNuck, Eli VanNuck, Samantha Wakeley, Mark Wejrowski, Chelsea Wolcott, Jamie Wyss

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Tyler Cragg, Jennifer Emmons, Alyssa Farrell, Tracey Lewis, Jennifer Long, Casey Mahaffy, Kassie McClain, Anthony Neal, Mallory Olson,

Tracy Payne, Jamie Pinkelman, Rebecca Ramaswamy

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## 83RD DISTRICT COURT

### Sentencings for February 2003

#### Hon. John G. Hunter

Lawrence Alan Hammer Jr., age 41 of Roscommon - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs and \$450 restitution or 71 days in jail.

Daniel Mead McMillan, age 28 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed a suspended person to operate; \$510 fines/costs or 51 days in jail.

Charles Anthony Martel, age 27 of Cherry Valley - Controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$420 fines/costs or 42 days in jail.

Dennis Lee Stark, age 25 of Grand Rapids - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,040 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Delbert Franklin Case, age 33 of Roscommon - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,020 fines/costs or 100 days in jail, placed on 89 days probation.

Charlene Diane Tobias, age 34 of Grayling - Assault/assault and

battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

John David Beers Jr., age 24 of Flint - Trespass - forbid/refuse to depart; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Nathan Lee Whitney, age 22 of Frederic - Assault/assault and battery; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Michael Edward Bair, age 52 of Kalkaska - Impaired driving; \$720 fines/costs or 72 days in jail.

Shawn Michael Gleason, age 18 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$500 fines/costs or 48 days in jail, placed on 89 days probation.

Timothy John Hughes, age 28 of Alger - Receive and conceal stolen property under \$200; \$560 fines/costs or 56 days in jail.

Ernest Edward Lanthier, age 36 of Grayling - No proof of insurance, license plates expired; \$195 fines/costs or 19 days in jail.

Joel Landry Woletz, age 26 of Sterling - Alcohol - Selling/fur-

nishing to minor; \$1,630 fines/costs and placed on 181 days probation.

Andrew James Boardman, age 19 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$760 fines/costs or 76 days in jail, placed on 180 days probation.

Matthew Michael Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling - OUIL/per se, attempt to resist/obstruct an officer; \$1,560 fines/costs or 156 days in jail.

Cynthia Annette Britten, age 46 of Grayling - Retail fraud - second degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Charles Ray Siegel III, age 21 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Kevin Joe Barnett, age 40 of Grayling - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Michael Lodge Wranesh, age 37 of Eastport - Controlled substance - use of marijuana; \$530 fines/costs or 53 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age

20 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$560 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age 20 of Grayling - Retail fraud - third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

David Clyde Holzbauer, age 51 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$380 fines/costs or 38 days in jail.

Tabitha Eileen LaChance, age 20 of Grayling - Violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4; \$160 fines/costs or 88 days in jail.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Thomas Allen Hawley, age 53 of Grayling - Snowmobile - operate while license suspended/revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$260 fines/costs.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 56 complaints during the period from March 16 - 23:

Three traffic accidents, three civil infractions, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor citations, one civil, one breaking and entering, one property damage, two motorist assists, three larcenies, four assist other departments, one juvenile, one alarm, three suspicious situations, four disturbing the peace, one drunk driving arrest, 24 unclassified, and one traffic warning issued.

## Bridge, ramp improvements slated for I-75

The Michigan Department of Transportation will soon replace the bridge deck on Marlette Road over I-75 in Otsego County. Entrance and exit ramps on I-75 also will be reconstructed and extended concurrently with the bridge work.

"Traffic will be maintained on the ramps and on Marlette Road during construction," said Bonnie Bussard, manager of MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling.

"We'll be working on half of the ramps at a time so motorists can still get through the area. However, we want them to do so safely, and ask that everyone slow down while traveling through the work zone."

Traffic on the Marlette Road Bridge will be maintained in alternating directions using a temporary traffic signal. Ramp construction will be done part-width, but may be shifted periodically. There also will be single

lane closures on I-75 within the limits of the construction.

"Technically, these are two separate projects that have been combined into one contract," said Jay Gailitis, delivery engineer for MDOT's Transportation Service Center in Grayling. "By scheduling the projects this way, we minimize the impact to motorists."

Work on the \$1.3 million project is expected to begin in late March and completed by July 4.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 99 complaints the week of March 17-23:

Nine traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, two motor vehicle inspections, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 27 general non-criminal, five delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, three assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, damage to property, four drug/narcotic violations, one family offense/abuse/neglect, one obstructing police, nine public peace/disorderly, one public

peace - other, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL/UBAL, three operating under the influence of alcohol, six health and safety, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, three driving violations/DWLS, etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Nursing home visiting to be discussed

Nursing home visitation can be difficult even for close family members. Although their intentions are to bring comfort and encouragement, they don't know just what to do or say. In response to that need, the Michigan Public Health Institute Center for Long Term Care has put together a one-hour program and discussion session to help make visits in the nursing home more enjoyable and rewarding for both visitors and residents.

The community is invited to attend the program "The Art of Visiting" at the Grayling Nursing Centre March 28 at 11 a.m. The program will give tips on communication techniques, and provide suggestions for fun things to do along with new ideas for further developing relationships with friends or family members.

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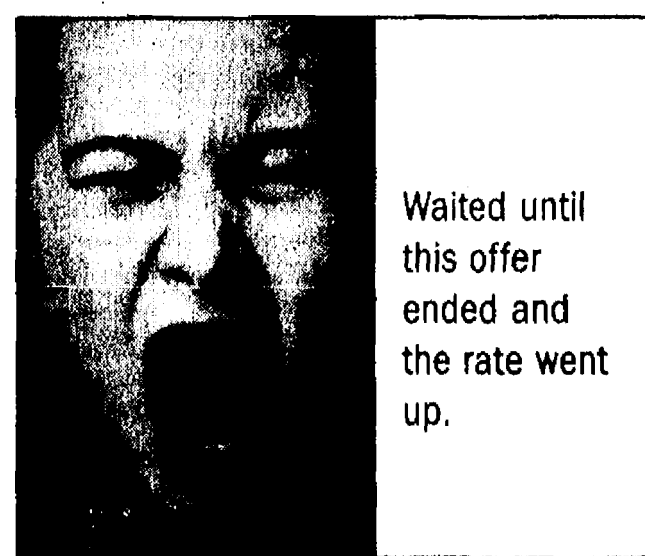
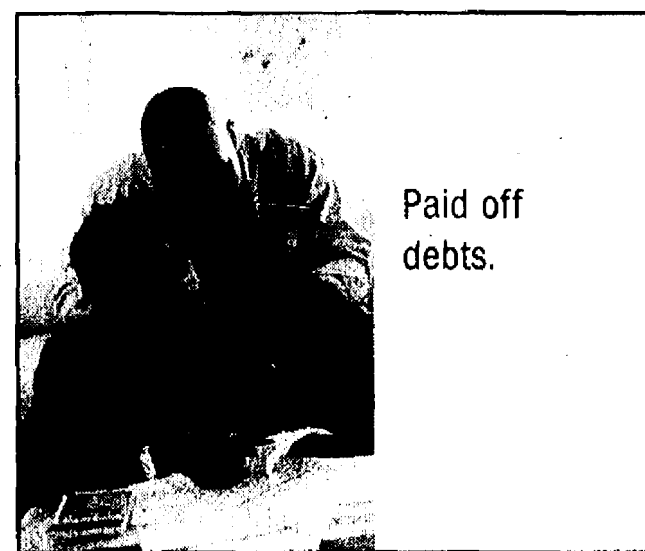
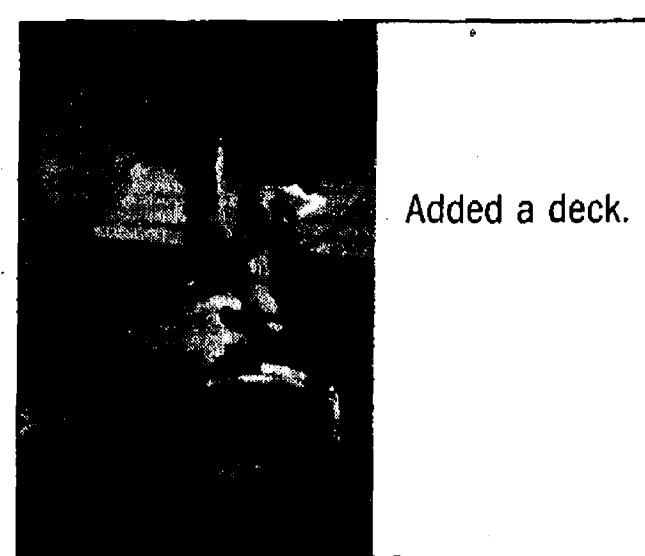
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## Local pizzeria honors Fred Bear

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Bill Gannon, owner of Gannon Communications, has added a restaurant to his businesses. He now owns the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

The Bear's Den Pizzeria replaced Buccilli's and Denise Elekonich, who owned Buccilli's, is now the manager of the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

Elekonich said there has been no change in personnel or hours. She said the menu has not changed much, but there will be a few additions to the menu shortly including a barbecue chicken pizza, a barbecue chicken sub and calzone.

The decor hasn't changed much either, but there are a few additions -- a hand engraved sketch of Fred Bear by Patrick Pickering, and a big black and white drawing of Fred Bear are displayed on the wall.

The pizzeria had a special sale on March 5, Fred Bear's birthday and many patrons, some that remember Bear and others who appreciate what he meant to archery and the outdoors, signed the drawing.

Pete Kocefas, of Frederic, created the drawing of Bear and the signs on the outside of the building.



Employees Kelly Meehan (left) and Samantha Davis stand under one of the new decorations honoring Fred Bear at the Bear's Den Pizzeria.

## Michigan is a national expansion leader

Over the past six years, Michigan has had more new business developments and expansions than any other state in the nation, according to *Site Selection* magazine. In fact, the state's new development numbers outperform the nearest state by more than 2,000 projects.

Michigan has welcomed more than 9,700 major new developments from 1997-2002. The closest state to Michigan's six-year totals is California with

7,498 new developments during that time period.

"Michigan's economic development muscle is being flexed every day as our state reaches out to new businesses and expansion opportunities," Governor Jennifer Granholm said. "Our economic agenda will continue to be driven by automotive and technology sectors, and we will refocus efforts on improving our core cities and helping small businesses. Michigan will keep

its competitive edge and continue to diversify our economic base because businesses recognize our unparalleled quality of life."

Results of the 2002 Governor's Cup competition were unveiled today. Michigan was narrowly edged out by Illinois in the 2002 competition. Michigan reported 832 new developments, just three projects behind Illinois' 835 new projects.

"Our competition was clearly a photo finish between Michigan

and Illinois," said Mark Arend, editor of *Site Selection* magazine. "I commend Michigan on their strong showing and look forward to another close competition in 2003."

To qualify for the Governor's Cup, projects must have at least \$1 million in new investment or reinvestment, 20,000 or more square feet of new construction or they must create 50 or more new jobs. The projects cannot be retail or residential construction.

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## New car donated to KCC's auto tech program



Bob Shingledecker (left), coordinator of Kirtland's automotive technology program, takes the keys of a new, 2003 Mustang GT from Scott McNamara, who owns Ford dealerships in Roscommon, Grayling and Gladwin. Looking on are John Ulrich, Ford's regional dealer operations manager, and Kirtland president Dr. Charles Rorie.

Kirtland's Automotive students have moved into the fast lane with a hot new vehicle to train on thanks to the generosity of the Ford Motor Company.

The automaker recently donated a 2003 Mustang GT to the college, which took possession when dealer Scott McNamara, on behalf of the Ford Motor Company, handed over the keys to Bob Shingledecker, coordinator of Kirtland's auto tech program, in a ceremony last week. McNamara owns dealerships in Roscommon, Grayling and Gladwin.

"It will be wonderful to have a state-of-the-art vehicle to teach with," said Smoke Bonk, Kirtland automotive instructor.

But this is a car students and other car enthusiasts might wish to drive. It's deep red with a brown leather interior, 4.6 litre overhead cam V-8, four-wheel anti-lock brake system and a five-on-the-floor transmission. Sticker price: about \$26,000.

"We're very grateful to be able to help Kirtland with its education of technicians," McNamara said. "The college has certainly been a pipeline for us, as far as developing good technicians for

our organization. We have four right now who came through Kirtland, and they're all very good. The college turns out a high-quality product, you might say."

Kirtland's automotive program, after months of rigorous scrutiny, recently won re-certification through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) in all eight major areas: engine repair, automatic transmission/transaxle, manual drive train and axles, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical/electronic systems,

heating and air conditioning, and engine performance.

"These are nationally certified programs," Shingledecker said. "That means that if you've passed the certification tests, you're automatically certified in Michigan. This certification is equal to, or better than, Michigan's (certification) program. In fact, they've linked their data bases."

For more information on Kirtland's automotive technology program, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 241.

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Wave3 Networks was founded in November 2002 by John and Coleman Payne of Grayling and Daniel Lech of Higgins Lake.

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Steve and Flo Hajek, owners of Flo's Hallmark in Grayling received a top award at the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona.

As a Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award winner, The Hajeks received an all-expense paid trip to the luxurious Wigwam Resort in Phoenix, AZ, March 6-9. The trip included round-trip airfare, accommodations, meals, entertainment and leisure activities.

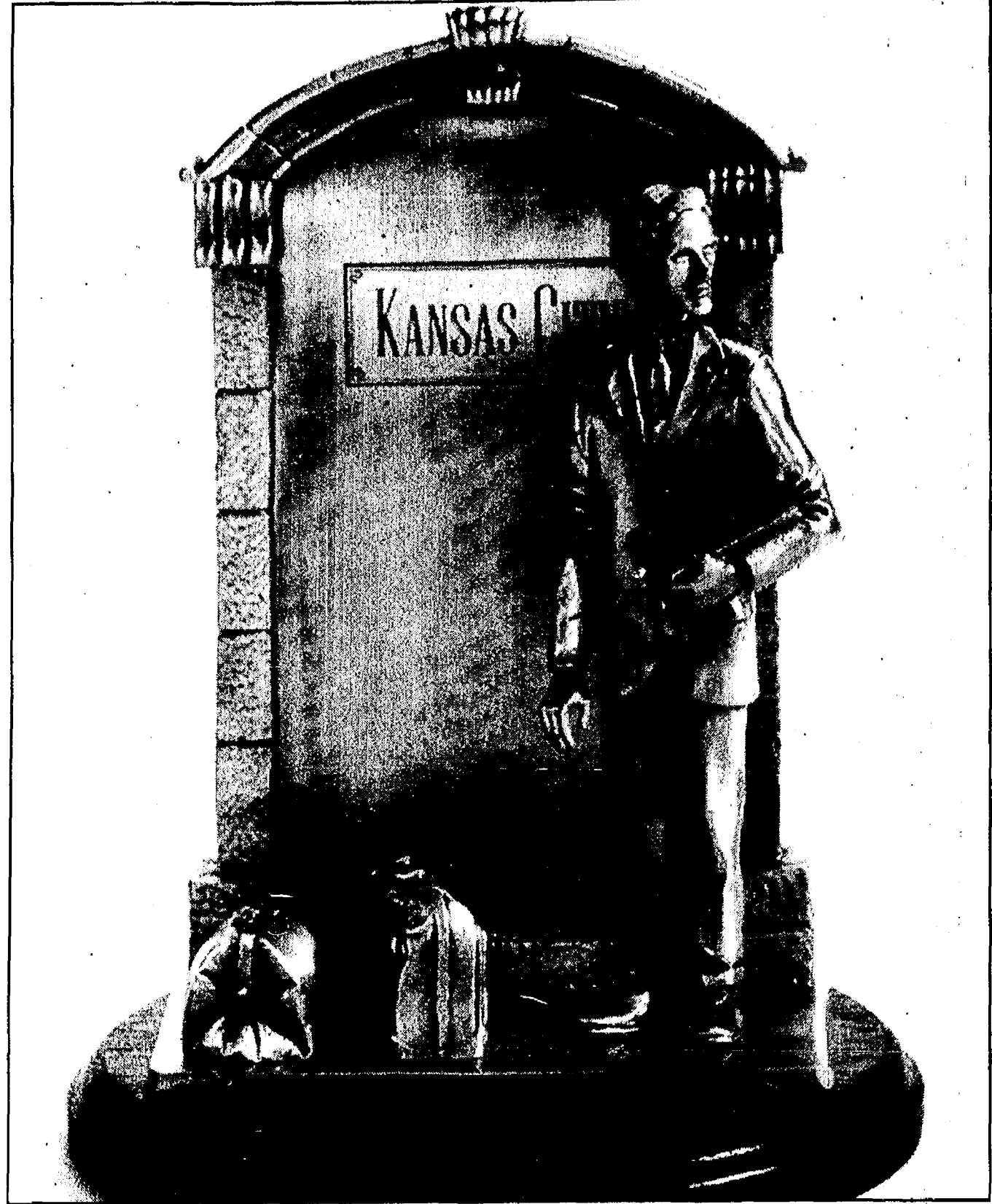
During their stay, winners attended a ceremony where they were individually recognized with a one-of-a-kind pewter award depicting Joyce C. Hall, founder of Hallmark Cards.

"We are excited to receive this award," said Flo. "My staff and I have worked hard to achieve these retail excellence goals. It feels great for Hallmark to recognize our accomplishments."

"The Hajeks raised the bar on the level of excellence that is strived for within the Hallmark Gold Crown network," said Carol Hallquist, Hallmark Vice President, Specialty Retailing. "As a top 200 store owner, they are leaders in the Hallmark Gold Crown network and we applaud the hard-work, dedication and achievement it took to reach this accomplishment."

The Retail Excellence Program, launched in 1996, sets the standards of excellence in marketing, retail technology and retail operations. Only 200 of 2,000 Hallmark Gold Crown store owners -- the top 10 percent, win this award.

The Retail Excellence Program, developed by Hallmark in cooperation with its Hallmark Gold Crown retailers, sets performance standards that serve the consumer -- supporting, enhancing, rewarding and enforcing outstanding retail practices. Each



Local Hallmark Shop owners, Steve and Flo Hajek, were recently awarded the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award. The award features a depiction of Hallmark Cards founder, Joyce C. Hall.

store in the Hallmark Gold Crown network is evaluated on marketing, retail technology and retail operations.

"These 200 top retailers are the best of the best" said Jeff Zande, Hallmark Retailer Relations Director. "Reaching Hallmark

Gold Crown status is a significant success in itself. Going beyond that and becoming a Retail Excellence Award winner is an even greater accomplishment."

The Hallmark Gold Crown network is one of the largest specialty retail networks in the United

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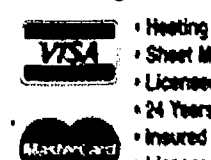
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## OBITUARIES

### Sister Mary Hilda Duffey March 19, 2003

Sister Mary Hilda Duffey, RSM, age 82, died March 19, at McAuley Center in Farmington Hills. She was baptized Bertilla Jean Duffey in Jackson, the daughter of Francis and Mary Ellen Duffey.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1944 in Detroit and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1949. She received a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and also attended Columbia University. She was a Sister of Mercy for 59 years.

Sister Mary Hilda worked from 1946 until 1968 in offices at Mercy College of Detroit, St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Mercy Hospital in Jackson, Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, and St. Ann's Home in Hammond, Indiana. From 1968 to 1983 she served in administrative roles at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, becoming chief executive officer in 1980. She was instrumental in the building of the new hospital in Grayling. She served as administrator of McAuley Center in Farmington Hills from 1984 to 1990, when she retired to a life of prayer.

Sister Mary Generose Kubesh, who worked with Sister Mary Hilda at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, remembers her as quiet, considerate, helpful and always anxious to do whatever she could to improve patient care.

Sister Mary Hilda is survived by two nieces and a nephew and by the Sisters of her Mercy community.

A Mass of the Resurrection took place on March 21 at the McAuley Center Chapel, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund; 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

### Teresa Ann Melroy Tuck March 21, 2003

Teresa Ann Melroy Tuck, age 44, of Grayling died Friday, March 21. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Isabel Rose Denton March 21, 2003

Isabel Rose Denton, age 86, of Grayling died Friday, March 21. No services will be held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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### Getting SSI? Report income, expense changes

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"It's important to report changes as soon as possible, so we can be sure we're paying you the right amount," said Sue Soderberg, Social Security manager in Traverse City.

"If you do not report changes, your benefit amount may be wrong. Sometimes you may be due more money than you are getting."

Soderberg continued, "Always

report income changes. Let Social Security know if you start or stop working, if your employer changes, if you get a raise or if your paydays change. Keep all your paystubs so we can verify your income. Tell Social Security about any other income, like pensions, government benefits and insurance payments."

The things people own can affect their SSI payments. They should report changes in their bank accounts, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, Christmas club accounts, cars, property, and anything else they own, buy or sell.

How people handle their household expenses or living arrange-

ments can make a difference in their SSI payments. The benefit amount is different when someone else pays for their rent and food, or when they do not pay their share of the household expenses.

"Also, be sure to report if you marry, separate, divorce, move or have children. If your spouse or children who live with you have changes in their income, assets or living arrangements, report these changes, too. Sometimes their changes affect your payment amount," Soderberg said.

For more information, visit Social Security's web site at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), call 1-800-772-1213, or visit the local Social Security office.

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

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## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 26 - April 1, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 26 - 27.

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## BIRTHS



Meadow Ann Leonard

Amy DuBay and Scott Leonard of Higgins Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Meadow Ann Leonard.

Meadow was born December 27, 2002 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 1/2 oz. and measured 20 3/4 inches long at birth.

Meadow's grandparents are Darrel and Marcella DuBay of Linwood, and Craig and Ann Williams of Higgins Lake.

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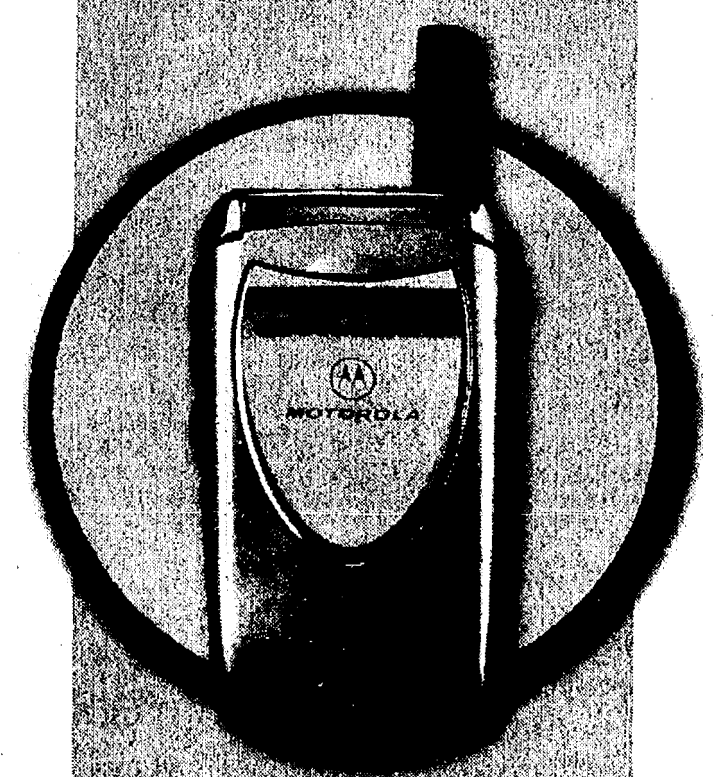
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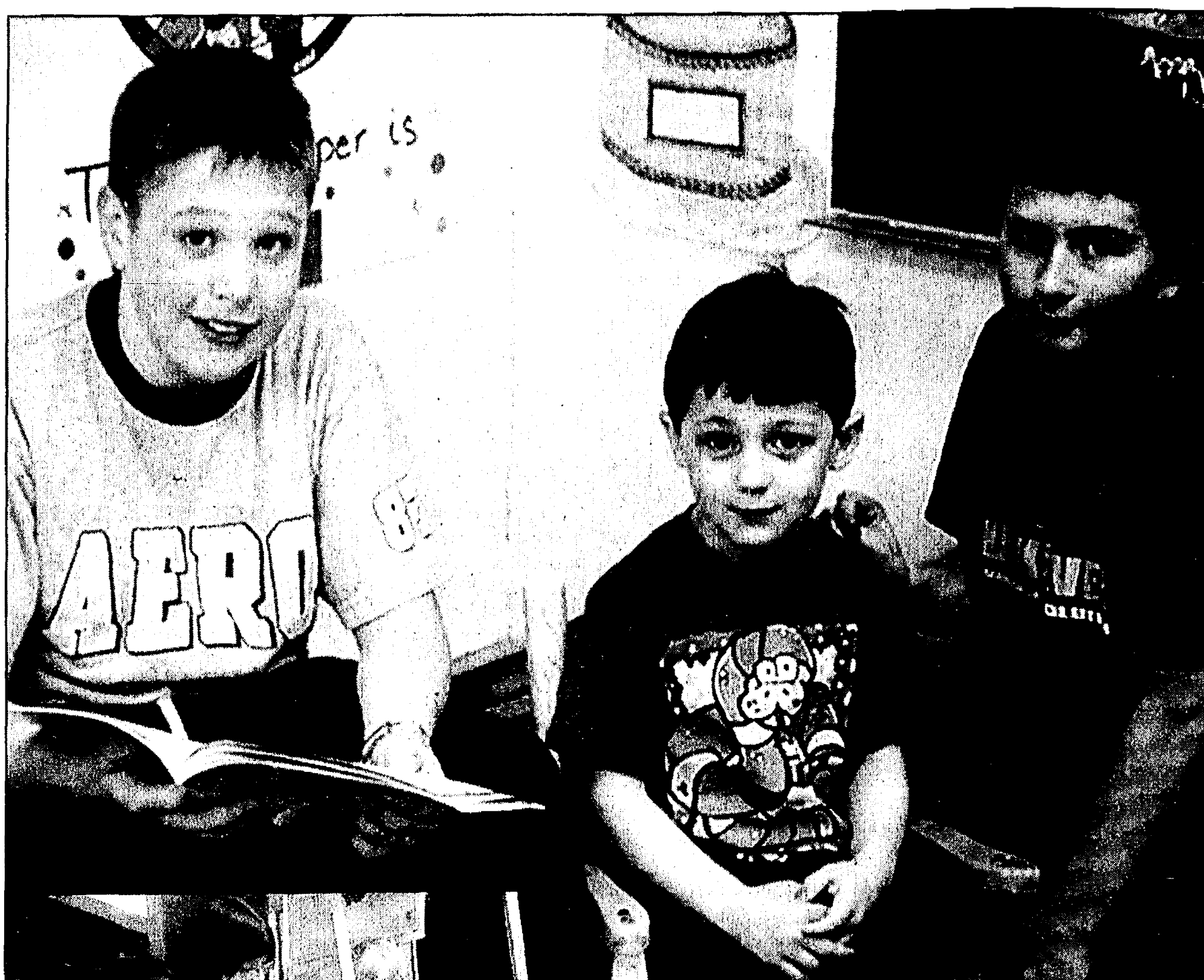


Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School - Joni Meliva

Grayling Middle School 6th grade students shared their time and reading talents with students from Grayling Co-op Preschool on Monday, March 24. All students involved enjoyed the activity. March is Reading Month, and students at Grayling Middle School have been involved in many heightened reading activities to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading.

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## Legislative website designed for students

The Michigan House Civics Commission (MHCC) recently unveiled their new interactive website, [www.civicscommission.com](http://www.civicscommission.com). This website, formatted for easy use by teachers and

students alike, provides thorough explanation on the purpose of the commission, as well as its many components.

Finally, said the Commission's Co-Chair Rep. Doug Hart, "Michigan's youngest citizens have a voice in state government! Not only do they have their own legislative committee (House Civics Commission), but now they have their own legislative web resource as well."

The House Civics

Commission website has numerous valuable components, including the following:

- House Civics Commission Curriculum - elementary and high school level units designed to help students become actively engaged in issues of statewide interest. Lessons are correlated to the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

- Semi-Monthly Legislative Updates for Students - updates for elementary, middle, and high school students on issues pertinent and of interest to the students themselves.

- Information about the Michigan Capitol Speakers Bureau - including names of participants, their biographies, and scheduling information.

- Interactive Polls - covering issues of interest to students.

- House Civics Commission Student Public Hearings Schedule - a detailed listing of all upcoming hearings, as well as a summary of testimony provided at past hearings.

- Tips for testifying before the House Civics Commission

- Links to online government and policy-related websites.

- Biographies of each House Civics Commission member.

The MHCC website is an initiative of The Civics Institute, and was designed by the Interactive Communications and Simulations Group within the University of Michigan's School of Education.

MHCC is an ad hoc committee to 21 lawmakers who are holding public hearings in schools throughout the state, listening to new bills ideas from elementary, middle and high school students.

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**Mercy Family Care - Roscommon**

April 2, 8 - 10 am

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### Diabetes Support Group

For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

**Mercy Family Care - Roscommon**

April 2, 1 - 2 pm

**Mercy Family Care - Prudenville**

April 9, 1 - 2 pm

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 15, 1 - 2 pm

### Breastfeeding Class

Benefits of breastfeeding for mom and baby will be discussed. Cost is \$5. To register, call (989) 348-0599.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling**

April 8, 7 - 9 pm

### American Red Cross First Aid

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April 9, 6:30 - 10 pm

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Many classes are available live at community hospitals throughout northern Michigan via the REMEC TeleHealth Network. Call Mercy Hospital Grayling for availability.

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### Super Safe Saturday

The American Red Cross, Grayling Fire Department, State Police, Crawford County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard, AuSable Sports Medicine & Joint Center, and Dr. Vincent Schultz will provide education on fire, car seat, boating, and stranger safety, fingerprinting, immunizations, scoliosis screenings, and ambulance and fire truck demonstrations. Adult CPR certification class available. For more information, call (989) 348-0489.

**Mercy Hospital Grayling Campus**

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Gordon Jacob Elsner, of Grayling, earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science at Michigan Technological University and was honored for his achievements, along with more than 350 graduates at Midyear Commencement ceremonies, held December 14, 2002.



# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Crawford County Avalanche.

## VIEWPOINT

by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners

### We must remember the lives lost

Your Crawford County Board of Commissioners discussed at great length the events in the Middle East currently shaping our world. We felt it necessary that you understand the position we have taken regarding the war with Iraq and we wanted to share with you our support for President Bush and our military as they continue to wage the war against terrorism.

We all wish and pray for peace, just as all true Americans do, but we cannot allow terrorism to become part of our daily lives. We must act now.

Terrorist attacks, if you will recall, are not new to our landscape. In the 1970s and 1980s, they disguised themselves in the clothing of hijackers and thugs. Today, their appearance has changed very little.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of PanAm Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and the lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the United

States Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the bombing of the United States military barracks in Saudi Arabia and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombings of the American embassies in Africa and the American lives that were lost.

- We have to remember the terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. Cole and the American lives that were lost.

- We can never dare to forget the terrorist attacks of September 11, when huge commercial planes, filled with innocent lives were crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania, and the tremendous amount of lives lost.

The blood of every American who has died in these bombings is crying out for our support, our action, and our justice. We cannot let the innocent blood that has been shed by the terrorists go unnoticed and unanswered. We must act to bring those responsible

to justice and deny others the means to perpetrate such terrorist actions in the future.

Many wish to keep silent about the dangers of the Jihad Muslim "attack and destroy by any means" mentality concerning Americans, Christians and Jews. Let the peace protesters be reminded that terrorism, be it embraced by any religion, creed or race, is wrong and is contrary to the values of true Americans.

While the protesters exercise their freedoms guaranteed to them under the Constitution, they seem to be supporting the very people who would destroy the very Constitution that defends the anti-war protests of the uninformed. Terrorists would have no hesitation to kill those who protest as easily as they would American soldiers or innocent civilians.

Our flag shows the 50 states that tell the world our 50 states are united, and that we will stand together, from the local citizen all the way to Washington. The colors of our flag symbolize our liberty, the blood of those patriots who have died so we can have

this liberty, and the purity of our cause, under God. Not just any God; our God is the God of the universe, the God of heaven and the God of Jehovah. May God bless our troops and our blessed United States of America!

We need to be reminded that our cause is just; the reward of doing justice is justice itself.

Every patriotic American's way of life is either held in fear by those terrorists or freed from fear by eliminating the threat from those wicked people.

We do this not only for our forefathers who shed their blood for the freedom we enjoy today, but mainly for those yet unborn. We all want our children and yours to grow up in a nation not in fear, but marked by the very freedom we enjoyed in our youth.

In your service,  
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## VIEWPOINT

by Carl Levin (D), Senior U.S. Senator from Michigan

### Filling petroleum reserves has not increased energy security

Spotted at a gas station in California recently was a sign listing the price of unleaded plus and unleaded supreme gasoline as an "arm" and a "leg." That would be funny if it weren't so painful.

Gasoline prices have skyrocketed. Problems with oil production in Venezuela and fears about a war with Iraq are two reasons for the rising price of crude oil. A less well-known factor is our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Following the oil shortages of the early 1970's, Congress established the SPR as an emergency oil reserve to protect U.S. consumers from a major oil shortage and the damage caused by high oil prices. Millions of gallons of crude oil in the SPR are stockpiled in huge underground salt caverns along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

In November 2001, President Bush directed the Department of Energy (DOE) to fill the SPR to its capacity of 700 million barrels "in a deliberate and cost effective manner." But in the past year, the DOE has managed the SPR in a way that has inflicted a lot of pain on U.S. consumers and taxpayers without actually increasing overall U.S. oil supplies, and in a very cost ineffective manner.

I recently released a report prepared by my staff on the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that determined that in early 2002, despite warnings from career Energy Department officials about higher taxpayer costs and lower overall oil supplies that would result, DOE began adding to the SPR without regard to the high price of oil. Filling the SPR without regard to price is contrary to DOE's prior practice in which it bought oil for the reserve when prices were low and postponed oil deposits in the reserve when prices were high so the SPR purchases did not affect commercial oil prices or supplies.

The report found that DOE's actions removed about 40 million barrels of crude oil from the marketplace in 2002. Taking that oil out of the commercial marketplace when prices were rising and supplies were tightening became a significant factor in driving up U.S. crude oil prices to a 12-year high of nearly \$40 per barrel. High crude oil prices hurt American consumers who had to pay increased prices for gasoline and home heating oil. Farmers

and truckers had to pay more for diesel fuel. Airline costs rose because of the high cost of jet fuel.

But adding 40 million barrels to the government reserve in 2002 didn't increase the amount of oil overall in our reserves because we ended up with 40 million fewer barrels in the commercial reserves. Here are the figures. At the end of 2001, U.S. oil supplies totaled 870 million barrels, with about 560 million barrels in the SPR and 310 million in commercial inventories. At the end of 2002, the overall total was the same, but with 600 million barrels under government control in the SPR, and only 270 million barrels in the private sector, an extremely low level at which U.S. refineries risk disruptions due to inadequate supplies of oil.

An independent economist, Philip Verleger, said recently in an interview that if the government hadn't filled the SPR, or if it returned that crude oil back to the market, "prices right now would be around \$28 a barrel instead of \$38 a barrel and gasoline prices might be 25 to 35 cents lower."

The Energy Department ignored the advice of its career staff when it changed the way oil was added to the SPR and began adding oil even when oil prices were high and supplies were tight. That approach appears to have backfired since it increased oil

prices without increasing overall U.S. oil supplies. There is no point inflicting American consumers with high oil costs if, at the end of the day, the U.S. doesn't have more oil to show for it.

Yet, with crude oil prices at a 12-year high and U.S. commercial crude oil inventories at record lows, DOE plans to add another 40 million barrels to the reserve in 2003. If the Energy Department carries out this policy, U.S. oil prices will shoot even higher and impose more costs on American consumers and taxpayers, with no

assurance of a net increase in our overall oil supplies.

I am a supporter of the SPR, but it has to be run so that it contributes to our energy and economic security. Otherwise, the Energy Department ends up causing the very problems the reserve was created to cure.

The report *U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve: Recent policy has increased cost to consumers but not overall U.S. energy security*, is available online at <http://030503pr1.htm>.

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"Our labs relies upon the American Red Cross for supplying our transfusion needs," stated Diane Hagle, Director of Laboratory Services at Grayling Mercy Hospital. "People think of donating blood as a charitable act, which it is, but it's more than just looking out for your neighbor, it's looking out for yourself, too. None of us knows when we may suddenly become ill or sustain injuries requiring blood transfusion. It is important that everyone support Red Cross by donating blood at local blood drives. And donating blood is safe; you cannot get any disease or virus by donating blood," concludes Hagle.

Long-time blood donor Al Etson agrees. "It makes me feel great to donate. I gave my 28th gallon at the Frederic drive on March 8th. I've been donating for 44 years. My blood type is the universal donor, type O negative, so I have been able to help many people over the years. I am thankful I am healthy enough to donate. And the wonderful volunteers make it a pleasant experience!" Al's donations over the years have resulted in 672 blood products, thanks to component therapy. Each donation is separated into three blood components: the red cells, plasma and platelets. Patients receive only the blood component needed. Everyone wins; the patient's circulatory system is not overloaded with unneeded components and more patients receive blood.

Betty Pamerleau has volunteered as the Crawford County blood program coordinator since 1983. "Over the years I've enjoyed meeting the generous people who faithfully donate blood to save lives." Betty encourages all who are eligible to give regularly. The next community blood drive will be on Wednesday, May 7th at the Grayling American Legion from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m., sponsored by the Grayling Kiwanis Club. Call the blood region at 800-582-2240 to schedule an appointment or for more details on giving blood or sponsoring a blood drive. Together, We Can Save A Life!

Al Etson receives 28-gallon pin for Blood donations: Front: Holli Pippin, Volunteer; Al Etson; Mary Juneau, Red Cross Charge Nurse; Joyce Wilson, Volunteer; Back: Shirley Schmoock, Frederic Drive Coordinator; Frieda Trotter, nurse; Jason Spegele; Michael Brady and Will Paul, blood services.

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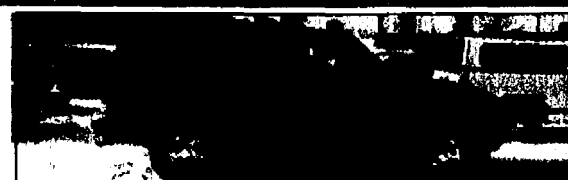
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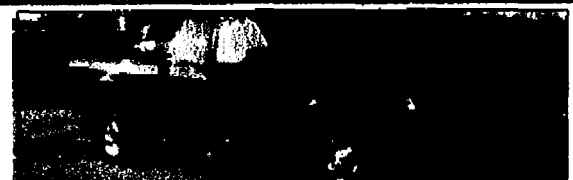
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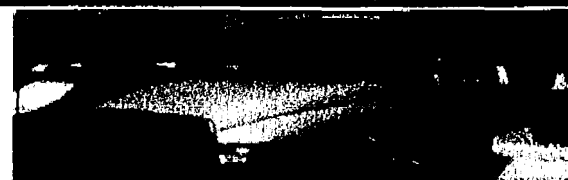
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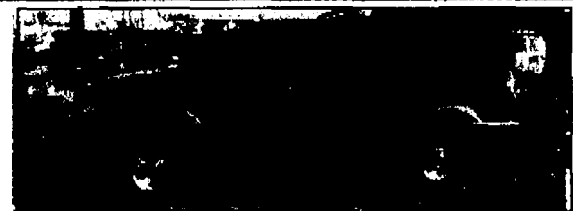
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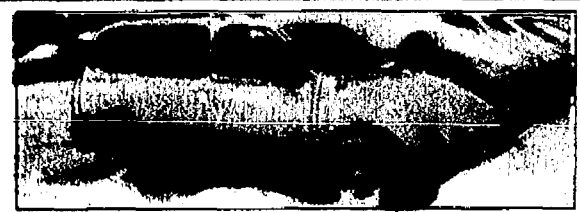
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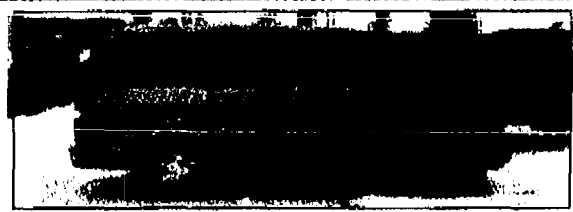
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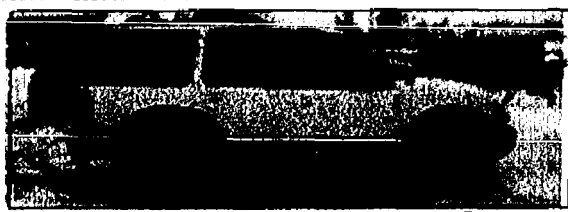
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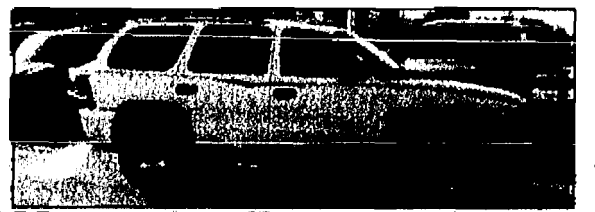
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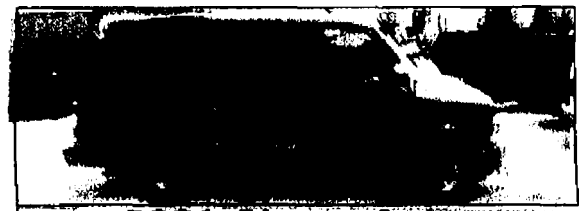
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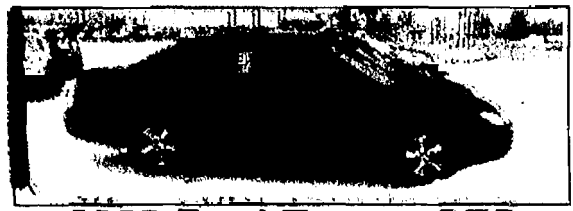
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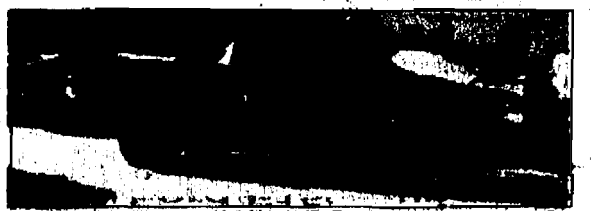
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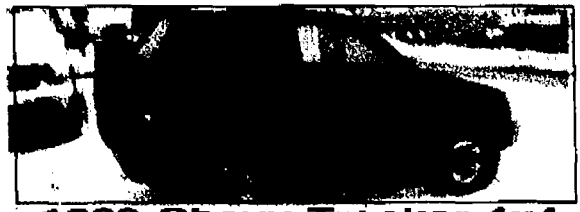
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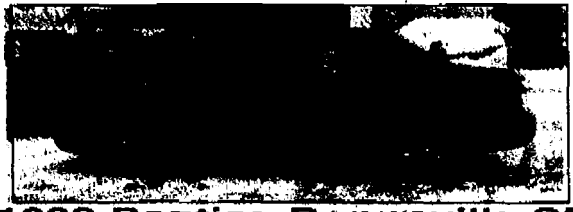
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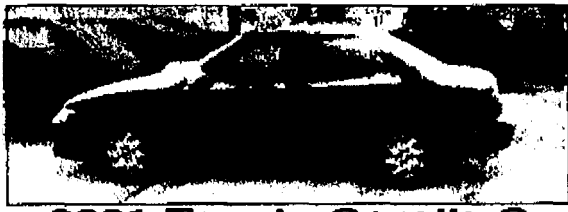
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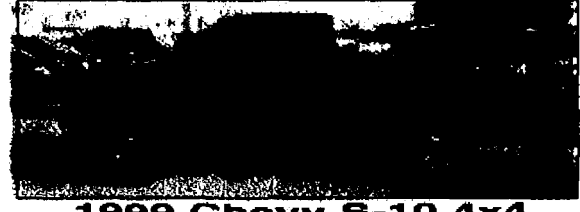
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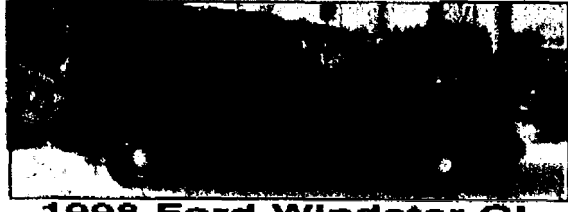
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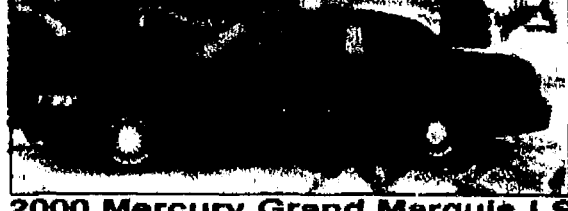
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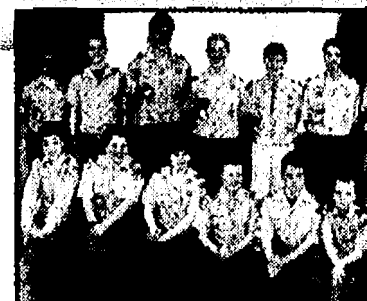
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## GRA/GMS WRESTLING

**17 wrestlers place at State Finals**

► Grayling ends March 22 meet with four state champions

Seventeen wrestlers from Grayling Recreation Authority's youth wrestling team and the Grayling Middle School wrestling squad earned trophies by placing in the top four of their weight class at the NEMWA State Wrestling Finals at

Northwood University on Sunday, March 22.

Grayling had four state champions: Josh Partello, Jeff Bancroft, Daniel CdeBaca, and Matt Townsend all placed 1st in their divisions at the NEMWA State Finals.

Partello and Townsend both capped undefeated seasons at the event.

Daniel DuVall, Zach Wolcott, and Cody Malone all placed 2nd in their weight class. Third place finishers for Grayling included Jon Petrie, Ty Jensen, Joey Schwartz, Austin Harris,

Stephen Grove, Jeff Harwood, Corey Metzger.

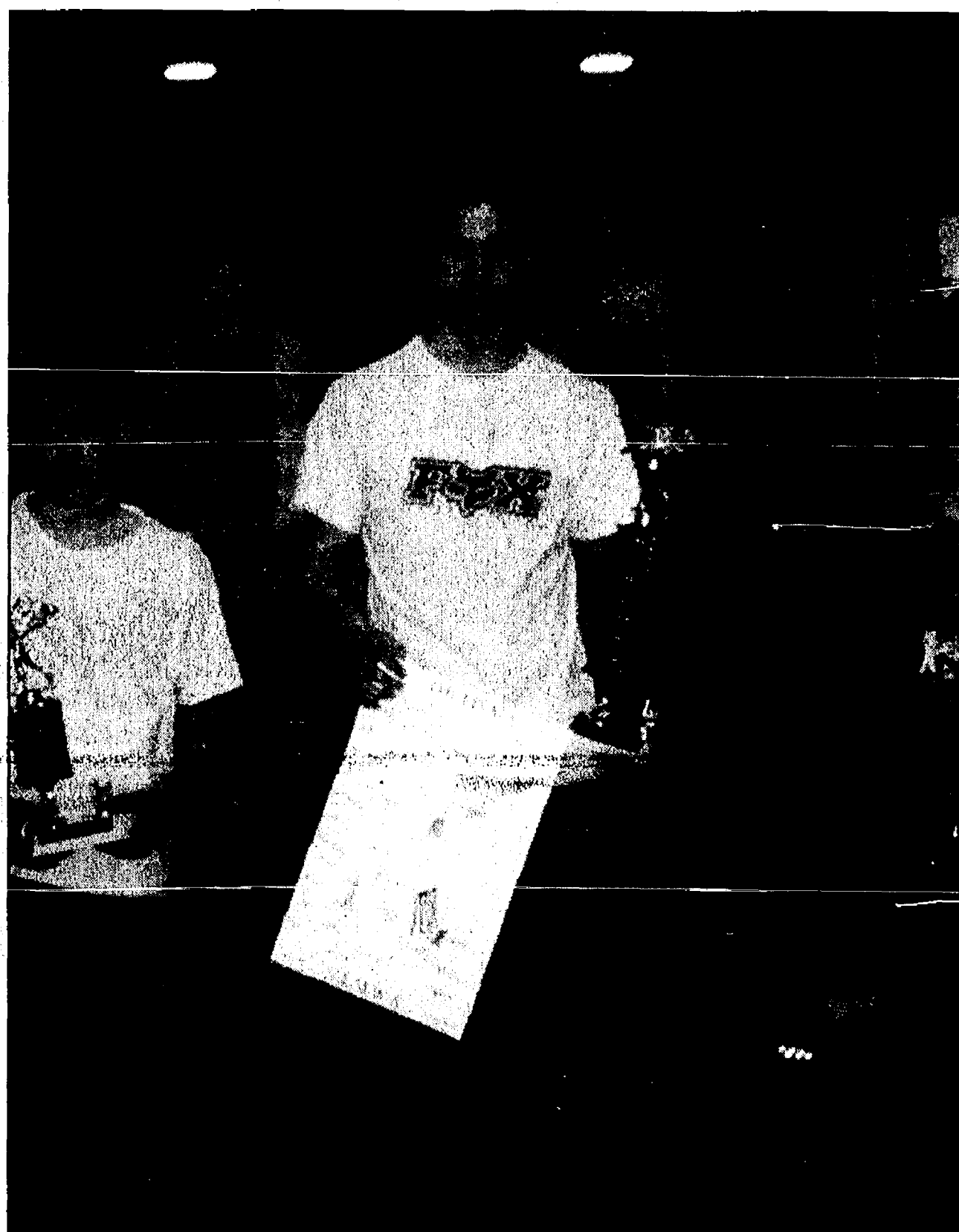
Zak Mack, Mykel Revord, and Jeff Woolsey all placed 4th.

Ben Brown, Eric Madill, and Shane Grove all won matches but did not place in the top four of their respec-

tive weight classes.

Grayling's wrestlers from the GRA and GMS teams combined include grades 1-8.

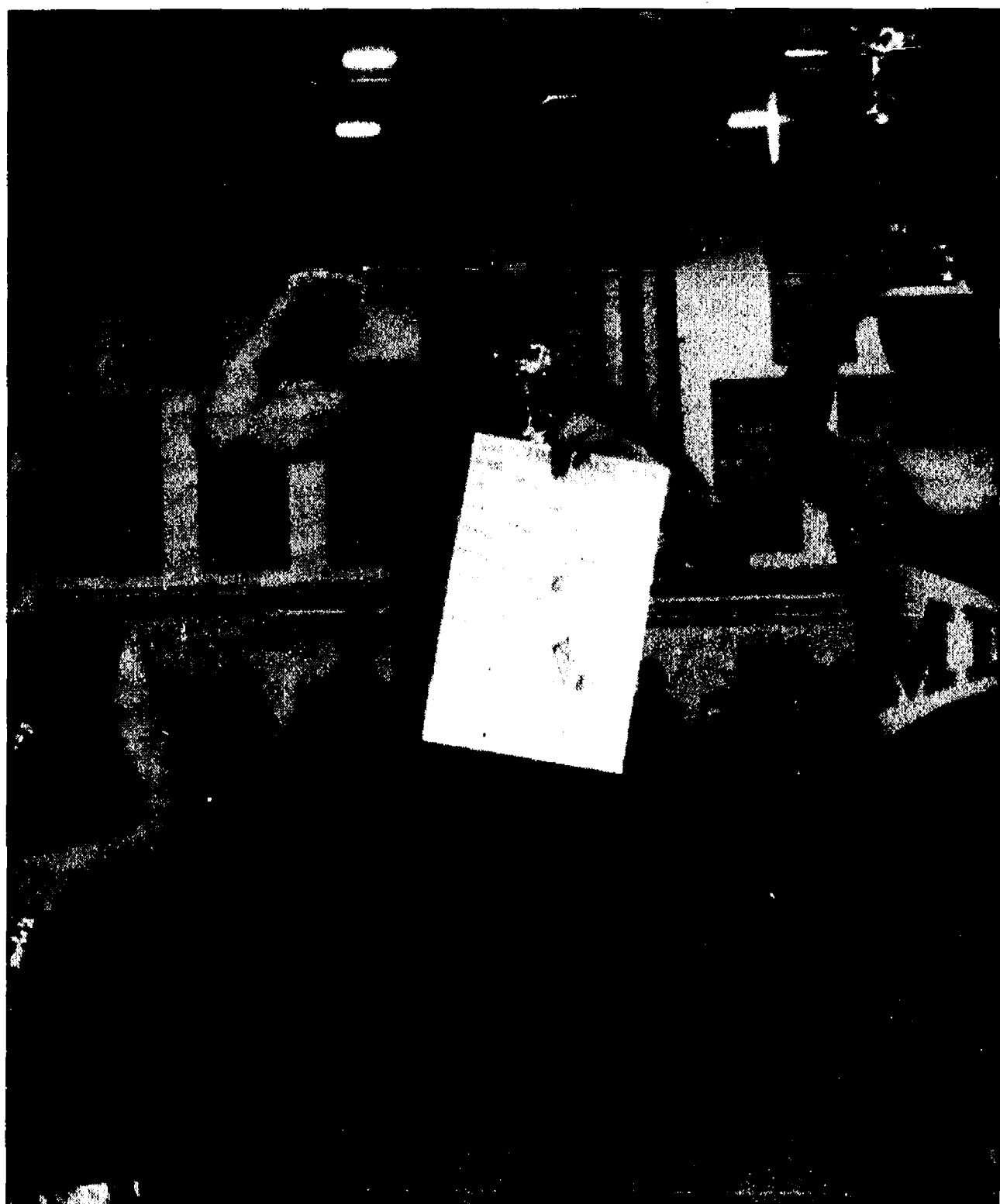
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**Josh Partello**

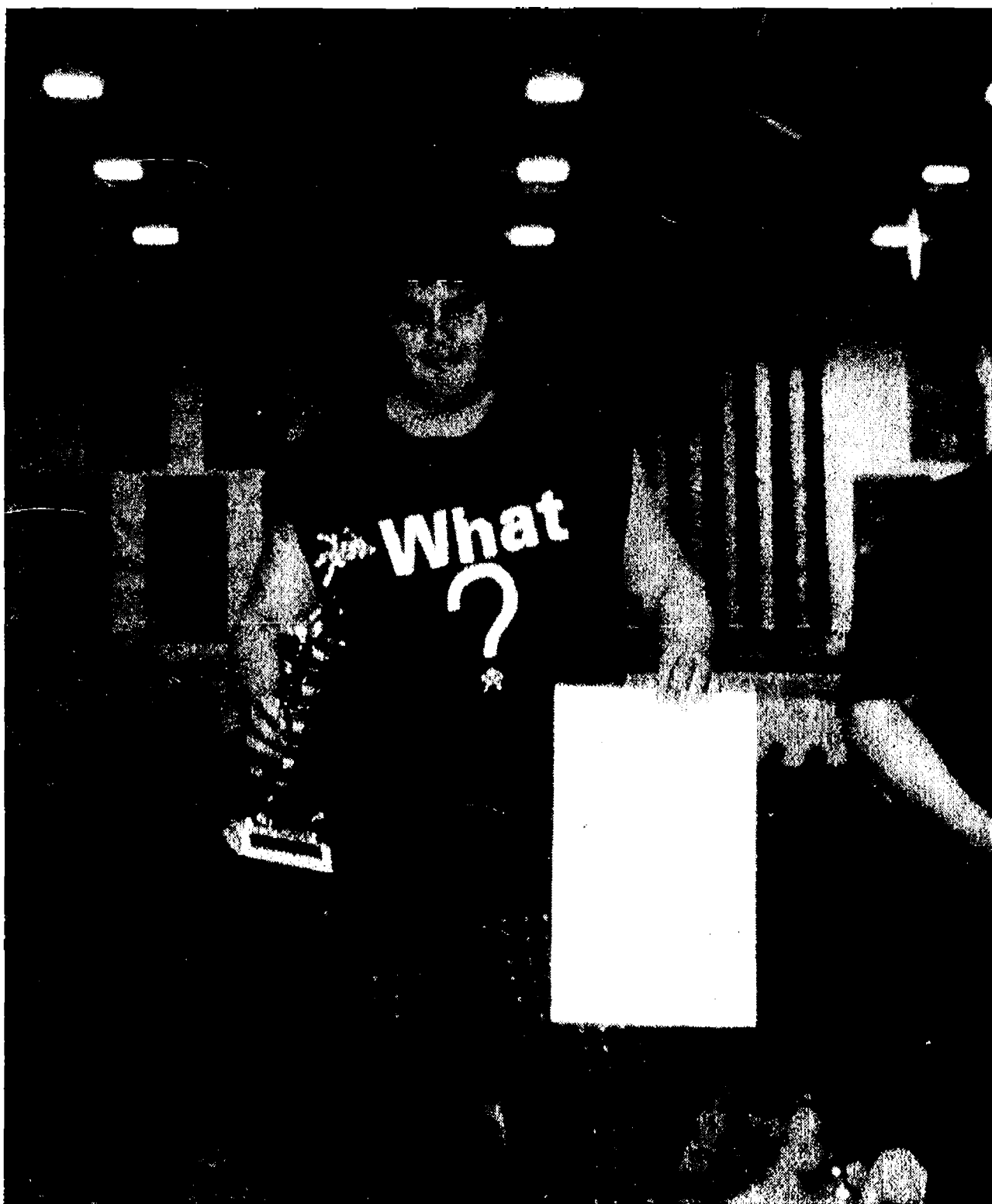
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**Matt Townsend**

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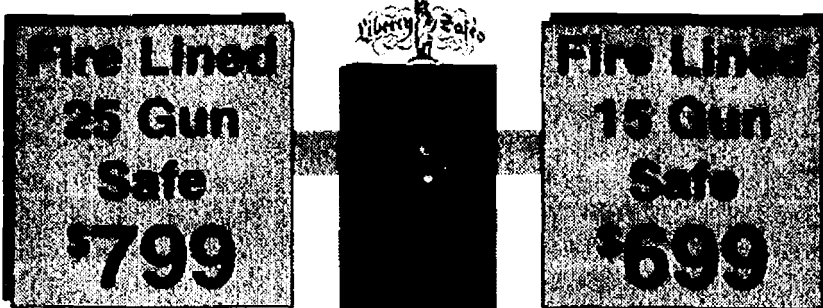
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## Sign up now for football golf outing

► Annual event to be held May 3 at Fox Run Country Club

The Grayling Athletic Department recently announced that the 3rd Annual Grayling

Football Golf Outing – a fundraiser for the GHS football program – will be held at Fox Run Country Club on Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

This year, the program will be introducing its new head football coach, Jason Mensing, and his wife Angel. Mensing comes to Grayling from Addison, MI

where he was the Lenawee County Coach of the Year in 2002.

"Please join us as we welcome him to our community and help raise funds to benefit our football program," Athletic Director Brian Banda said in a press release. "All proceeds will go directly to the Grayling High

School Football Program."

The fee to participate in the golf outing is \$200 per four-person team. The fee includes 18 holes of four-person scramble golf, a chicken dinner, and a chance at winning a door prize.

To sign up, fill out the attached form and return it, with payment, to the address listed.

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## Team awards announced for basketball

► Vikings hand out MVP, other team awards, at annual banquet

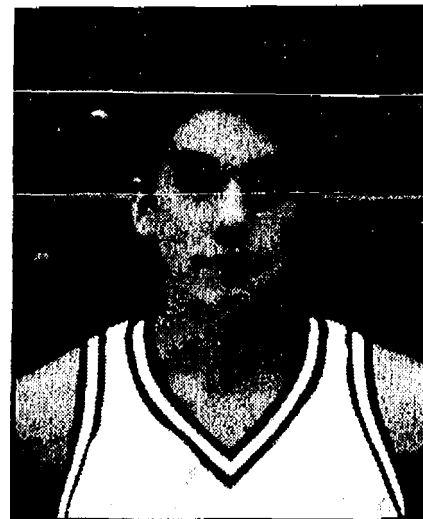
The Grayling High School basketball program announced its team awards for the 2002-03 season at its annual basketball/cheerleading awards banquet last Tuesday.

Awards included:  
• Most Valuable Players – Adam Kaiser, Gibson Tobin;  
• Most Improved Player – Andy Strohpaul;

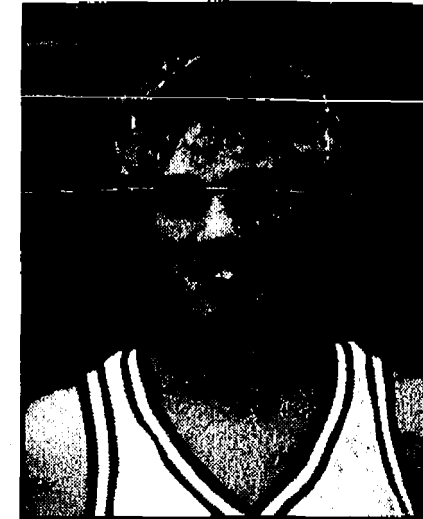
• Mr. Hustle Award – Phil Armstrong, Caleb Mead;  
• Senior Award – Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Roger Alvarez;  
• Leadership Award – Greg Morrill, Andy Strohpaul, Travis Helsel.

The team also recognized its four all-conference honorees: Tobin (1st team), Kaiser (2nd team), Joe Lange (2nd team), and Roy Czapke (honorable mention).

The Vikings tied with Tawas for the league title this past season with a 9-3 record in North East Michigan Conference match-ups. The team is the 20th



Adam Kaiser  
Team Co-MVP

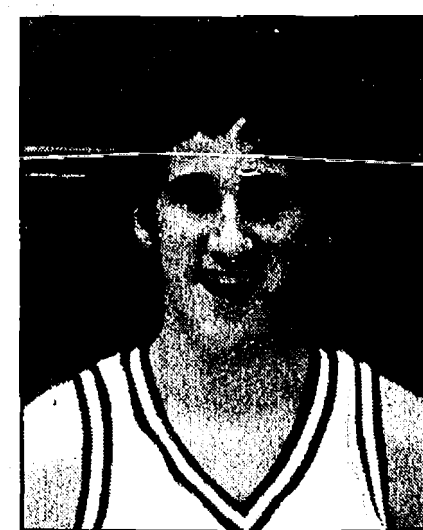


Gibson Tobin  
Team Co-MVP

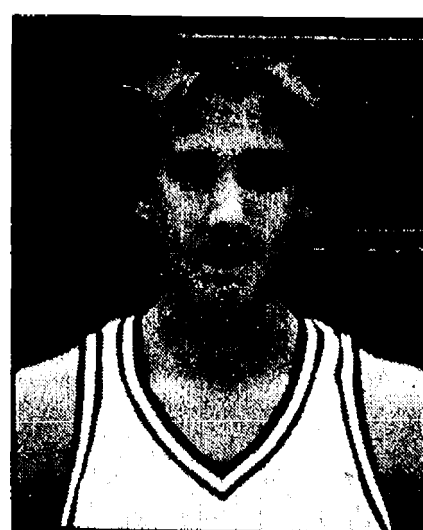
boys basketball squad from GHS to win (or share) a league championship.

"We played well in the league," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Our kids played with a lot of intensity and pride as the year progressed."

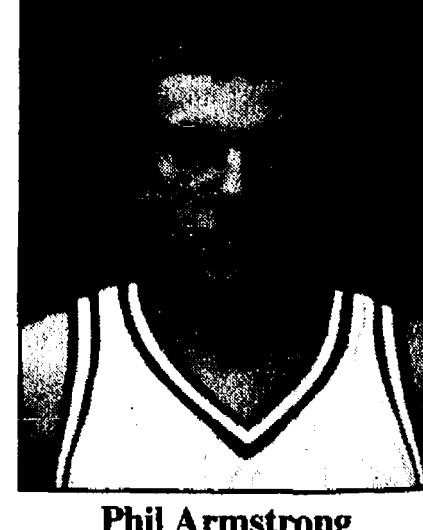
"We have a ton of kids back next year, but we are entering a new league which will be extremely tough. We need to spend a lot of time in the weight room and on the basketball court this summer so that we can compete at a high level," Coach Moffit said.



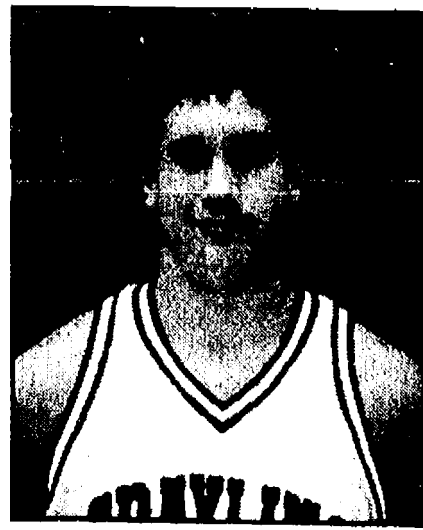
Caleb Mead  
Co-Mr. Hustle



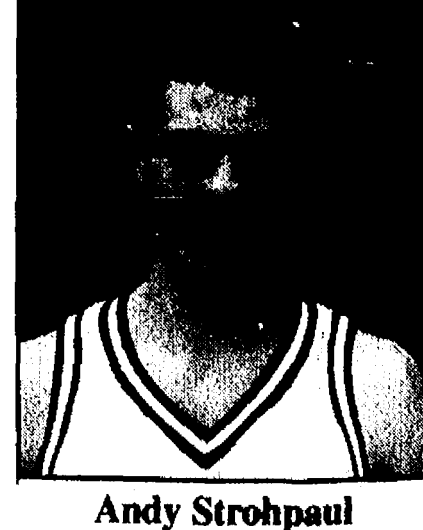
Travis Helsel  
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Phil Armstrong  
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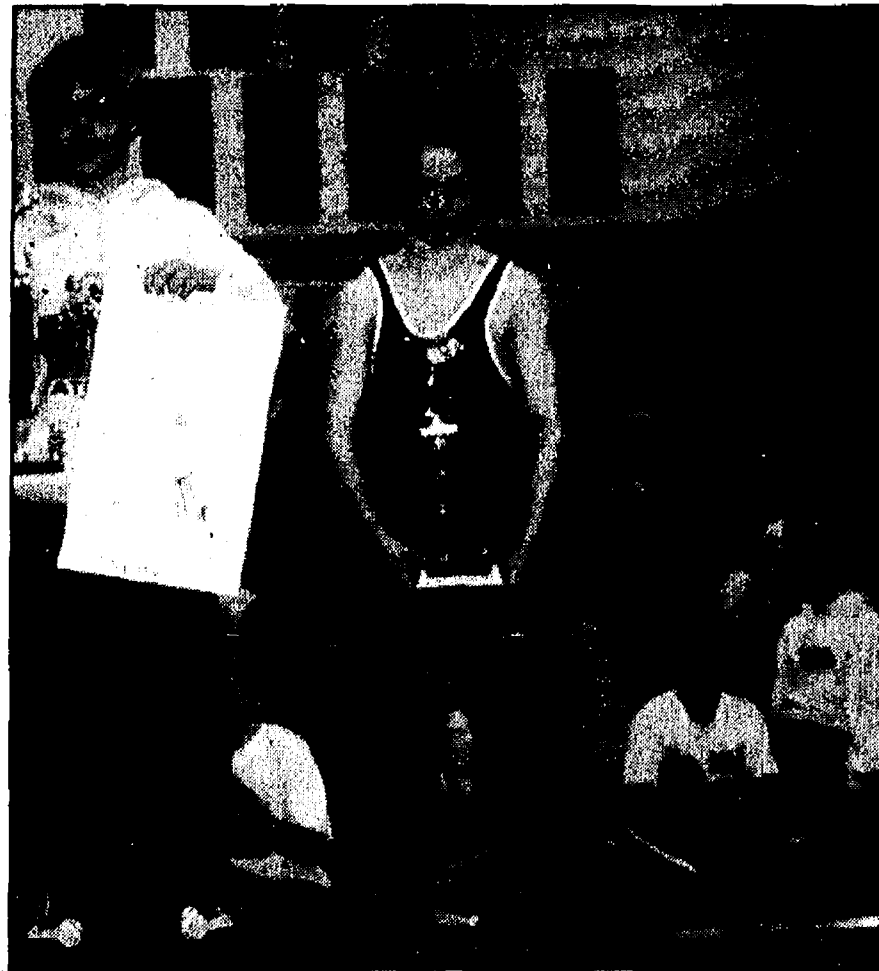
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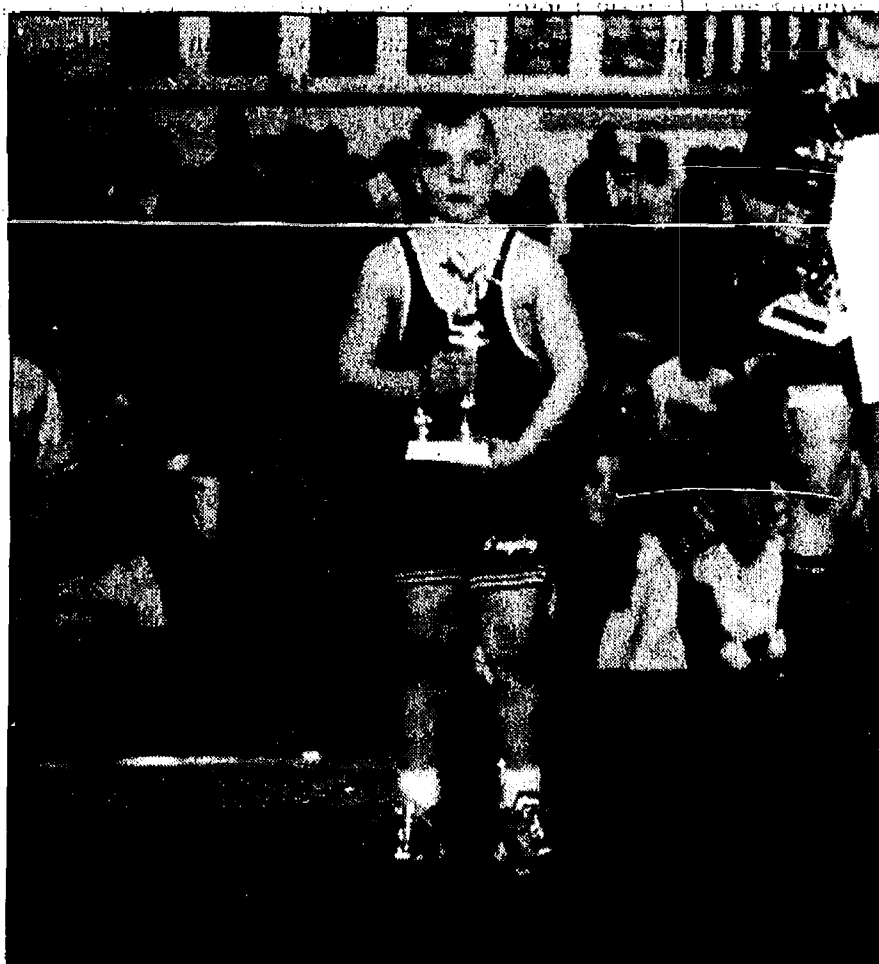
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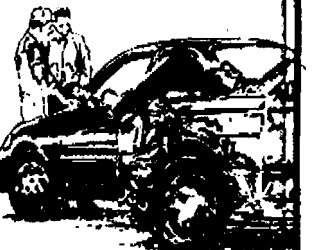
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**MIDWEST**

**March 20 or 21**

- 1. Kentucky (29-3) JC Penneys
- 16. IUPUI (20-13) Grayling Nursing Centre
- 8. Oregon (23-9) Rochette's
- 9. Utah (24-7) Fox Run Country Club
- 5. Wisconsin (22-7) Diane's Car Wash
- 12. Weber State (26-5) Medicine Shoppe
- 4. Dayton (24-5) AuSable Construction
- 13. Tulsa (22-9) Showtime Collision
- 6. Missouri (21-10) Northern Cafe
- 11. Southern Illinois (24-6) Scott McNamara Ford-Roscommon
- 3. Marquette (23-5) AuSable Valley Homes
- 14. Holy Cross (26-4) Scheer Motors
- 7. Indiana (20-12) Country Skillet
- 10. Alabama (17-11) Heads Up North
- 2. Pittsburgh (26-4) Rialto
- 15. Wagner (21-10) Darwin's Jewelry Repair
- 1. Arizona (25-3) AVCI.NET
- 16. Vermont (21-11) Arby's
- 8. Cincinnati (17-11) Century 21
- 9. Gonzaga (23-8) Scott McNamara Ford-Grayling
- 5. Notre Dame (22-10) Kellogg's Bridge One Stop
- 12. Wis.-Milwaukee (24-7) J's Motor Mall
- 4. Illinois (24-6) 7-Eleven
- 13. Western Kentucky (24-8) Ole Dam Rd. Party Store
- 6. Creighton (29-4) Moore's Automotive
- 11. Central Michigan (24-6) Scott McNamara Ford-Roscommon
- 3. Duke (24-6) Grayling Pharmacy
- 14. Colorado State (19-13) Darlene's Milltown Groomer
- 7. Memphis (23-6) Davis Jeweler
- 10. Arizona State (19-11) Hart Pontiac GMC Buick
- 2. Kansas (25-7) DuBos Lumber & Rental Center
- 15. Utah State (24-8) Heads Up North

**March 22 or 23**

- 1. Kentucky JC Penneys
- 8. Utah Fox Run Country Club
- 5. Wisconsin Diane's Car Wash
- 13. Tulsa Showtime Collision
- 6. Missouri Northern Cafe
- 3. Marquette AuSable Valley Homes
- 7. Indiana Country Skillet
- 2. Pittsburgh Rialto
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**March 22 or 23**

- 1. Texas Comfort Center
- 9. Purdue Grayling Holiday Inn
- 5. Connecticut Bell Hearing
- 8. Connecticut Bell Hearing
- 4. Stanford Fifth Street Financial
- 6. Maryland Charlene Scheer-ReMax of Grayling
- 3. Xavier Pick & Sons
- 7. Michigan State Sylvesters Sports
- 1. Oklahoma Larry & Joan's Place
- 8. California Charles Country Corner
- 12. Butler Sunburst Marine
- 4. Louisville Johnson Insurance
- 3. Syracuse The Copy Shop
- 10. Auburn Grayling Big Boy
- 6. Maryland Charlene Scheer-ReMax of Grayling
- 3. Xavier Pick & Sons
- 7. Michigan State Sylvesters Sports
- 2. Florida Riverland
- 6. Oklahoma State Don Nester Chevrolet
- 3. Syracuse The Copy Shop
- 10. Auburn Grayling Big Boy

**March 20 or 21**

- 1. Texas (22-6) Comfort Center
- 16. UNC-Asheville Super 8 Motel
- 8. LSU (21-10) Grand Traverse Allergy
- 4. Stanford (18-10) Grayling Holiday Inn
- 5. Connecticut (21-9) Bell Hearing
- 12. BYU (23-8) Dr. Dean / Dr. Aubry
- 4. Stanford (23-8) Fifth Street Financial
- 13. San Diego (18-11) McLeans Ace Hardware
- 6. Maryland (19-9) Charlene Scheer-ReMax of Grayling
- 11. UNC-Wilmington (24-6) Hart Pontiac GMC Buick
- 3. Xavier (25-5) Pick & Sons
- 2. Troy State (26-5) J. Dap Co.
- 7. Michigan State (19-12) Sylvesters Sports
- 10. Colorado (20-11) Ferrengas
- 2. Florida (24-7) Riverland
- 15. San Houston State (23-6) Coldwell Banker-Cornell Realty
- 1. Oklahoma (24-6) Larry & Joan's Place
- 16. South Carolina St (20-10) Don Nester Chevrolet
- 8. California (21-8) Charles Country Corner
- 9. N.C. State (18-12) Northern Tails
- 5. Mississippi State (21-9) Century 21 - Randy Thompson
- 12. Butler (25-5) Sunburst Marine
- 4. Louisville (24-6) Jansen Insurance
- 13. Austin Peay (23-7) BC Pizza
- 6. Oklahoma State (21-9) Don Nester Chevrolet
- 11. Pennsylvania (22-5) Grayling Restaurant
- 3. Syracuse (24-5) The Copy Shop
- 14. Manhattan (23-6) Phil Wheaton Construction
- 7. St. Joseph's (23-6) Swamp II
- 10. Auburn (21-11) Grayling Big Boy
- 2. Wake Forest (24-5) Dr. Denholm
- 15. East Tennessee St. (20-10) Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

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**March 28 & March 30**

San Antonio  
March 28 & March 30

**Albany**  
March 28 & March 30





New Boy Scout Troop #995 members are, from left, (front row) Alex Millar, John Ventline, Jacob Reynolds, Storm Shriver, Shawn Redmond, Frankie McLeod II, Matthew Haight; (back row) Charter Rep. Dave Shriver, James Haight, Tom Pilon, Nick Grougan, Nathan Pickell, Richard Haight, Chris Bonnington, and Scoutmaster Jim Pickell. Not pictured: Ryan Harris.

## New scout troop growing quickly

Boy Scout Troop #995 is a new troop in the Grayling area that was formed in December, 2002 and is chartered by Air Way Automation of Grayling. The troop consists of several boys ranging from grades six through 11 at present.

Several of the boys have scouting experience with boys ranking from Scouter, a first level new scout up to boys working on earning their Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in scouting. Troop leaders said they are happy so many scouts have

joined the troop in such a short period of time.

Troop #995 holds its meetings at Air Way Automation in the Industrial Park in Grayling. Besides regular meetings, scouts have also participated in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) winter Klondike Derby competition held at Kirtland Community College on January 25, with both new patrols earning first place finishes in some of the competitions placing above veteran troops in the area.

The troop recently held a

spaghetti dinner to raise funds for equipment every new troop needs.

Troop #995 Scout Master, Jim Pickell, has been involved in scouting for many years, including leadership positions in Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts. He was recently awarded the District Merit Award for his hard work in scouting. It is the highest award the district can give.

"Mr. Pickell has taught us, as Scouts, the meaning of leadership through his ability to guide

us in everything we do," said Troop Historian John Ventline.

Troop #995 is always looking for new scouts to join in its scouting activities, learning about the community and the great outdoors. Boys interested in finding out what the troop is all about are welcome to attend the meetings held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Air Way Automation.

Any questions about joining may be directed to Jim Pickell by calling 348-2870.

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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc. (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on June 23, 1999 in Liber 484, Page 447, Crawford County Records and was assigned by an

assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan

foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44'15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00

The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK  
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff  
v.

Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margretherville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

#### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003

at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence South 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence North 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence South 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
-20-27-03-10-17-24

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chelle A. Warnars a single woman (original mortgagors) to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2002, and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 365 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee,

Assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 2002, which was recorded on March 7, 2003, in Liber 623 on Page 68, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 25/100 dollars (\$61,338.25), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211  
Team H

20-27-03-10

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Tina M. Nelson, whose last known address is 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 6, 1994 in Liber 383 of Crawford County Records on Pages 218 through 221, inclusive, said Borrower on the above date of September 2, 1994, also having executed a certain Assumption Agreement in writing, by which she assumed prior mortgages given by Ronald L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on

pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Pages 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Scheuerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470

United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

### NOTICE

#### BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township Budgets for fiscal year 2003-2004 at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

A copy of the budgets will be available for public inspection at 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. on Friday, March 28, 2003 from 9-11 a.m. **THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the residents of Bear Lake Township will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Road, Kalkaska. The Township Board will hold a special board meeting following the annual meeting of the township.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk 231-258-4359

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

#### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Bituminous Base Crushing**.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

#### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner



# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John D. Tuck and Teresa A. Melroy-Tuck, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated November 26, 2001 and recorded December 3, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 532, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,482.30) including interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 200 feet North and 33 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence North 120 feet; thence West 120 feet; thence South 120 feet; thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorney for Fifth Third Mortgage-MI LLC, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.0789

27-03-10-17-24

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary S. Sheldon, a married man and Jacquelyne M. Sheldon, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated December 4, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 343, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three

Hundred Thirty and 14/100 Dollars (\$84,330.14) including interest at the rate of 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 2003.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 9 and 10, block 2 of Hadley's second addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 27, 2003  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 280.0237

27-03-10-17-24

## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting March 10, 2003

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little and Hartman. Absent: Mobarak. There were 10 guests present.

Sheriff Wakefield was present and discussed the 2002 Year End Report from his office.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 7 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:  
Discussed the township sign that will be completed in the spring.

New Business:  
1. Discussion regarding "Telecommunications Right of Way Law."

2. Discussed request to fund fireworks.

3. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman

Clerk

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6017 CH  
J.C. Monte, L.C.

Everett C. Smiley and  
Doris A. Smiley, husband and wife  
TO: Everett C. Smiley and Doris A. Smiley

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title to Lot 60, Northern

Heights, Warblers Hideaway, Crawford County, MI. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 9, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin P19822  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

-27-03-10

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03006602 DE  
Estate of Violetta McRae: 12/11/08  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Violetta McRae, who lived at 2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 09, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Leanne K. Weaver, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 24, 2003  
2118 S. Wakeley Bridge Road  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 344-9259

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## Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jocelyn Montgomery of 205 Alexia Lane, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated July 3, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on August 2, 2001, in Liber 0546 Pages 306 through 313 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$24,414.98.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April 2003 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:  
Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 101, Grayling Mobile Estates #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats; Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ  
Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow

Americorp (Donald Castetter)  
TO: Americorp  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

-13-20-27-03



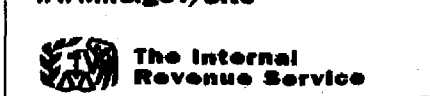
**The Earned Income Tax Credit. You may have earned it. Why not claim it?**

If you're working hard just to make ends meet and have one or more children living with you, you may qualify for the EITC. Think of it as a reward for doing one of life's most beautiful, most important and most loving jobs. Visit our Web site or ask your tax preparer if you qualify.

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A message from the Internal Revenue Service.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

35,000 ton @ Lovells Pkt: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

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# FACTS AND FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

March 28, 1980

The American Business Woman's Association of Grayling chose their woman of the year to be Norma Naour. She has been involved with several community activities and civic projects.

Twelve youthful residents of Crawford County are gaining valuable day to day occupational skills combined with classroom general education, thanks to a local project sponsored by three agencies concerned about the future of the young people of the county.

The Youth Conservation Community Project, or YCCIP, was sponsored by the COOR Intermediate School District, the Northeast Michigan Manpower Consortium and the Northern National Bank of Grayling.

Stepped up enforcement of traffic laws, particularly speed limits, has resulted in an increase in the number of citations issued by county deputies. A Highway Planning Safety grant in excess of \$40,000 allowed for the recall of two deputies to the force.

Grayling Township, as a result of the population increase and an increase in the number of qualified and registered electors, now comes under the provision of Section 358 of the Michigan Election Law.

This section provides that the electors may determine to have a seven man board.

It is understandable that the spiraling cost of gasoline and other oil-related products leads to an increase in pilfering and theft of merchandise draining the pocket-books of the average consumer.

Larry Olliffe, Member Service Advisor for Michigan Rural Electric, said that power theft is becoming more and more of a problem.

Grayling and Gaylord, top two league finishers this year, dominated the Michigan Huron Shores Conference post-season Most Valuable Player team held in Gaylord last week.

Junior forwards John Junttila and Bill Roach, along with senior guard Rocky Tobin, were amongst the 14 players selected for post-season honors. Viking guards Mike Walsh and Scott Hale and center Mike Chrisman earned honorable mention awards.

Grayling's Lisa Radebaugh was among 14 Huron Shore girls named to the League's Most Valuable Player squad following the conclusion of the 1980 season. Shelly McKinney earned honorable mention.

Last Saturday the Grayling Middle School hosted its fifth annual Middle School Wrestling Tournament. Out of nine teams competing, Grayling finished on top with a lopsided 198 points to second place St. Ignace with 95 points.

Two hundred Cub Scouts, parents and guests attended the group's annual Blue-Gold Banquet.

The event began with a spaghetti dinner, which celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Cub Scouting.

Laura Johnston of Military Road spotted two robins on Thursday morning, the first day of spring.

### 46 Years Ago

March 28, 1957

The Grayling Woman's Club is sponsoring the fourth annual Trade Show at the Grayling High School. Merchants will be at booths and will acquaint the public with the many varied services available in our own hometown.

Two grand openings are being celebrated this weekend by two new stores in Grayling.

The B and C Supermarket on US-27 will be offering many fine buys.

The Ben Franklin store is brand new from stem to stern, and will be giving out gifts for those visiting the store Friday and Saturday.

Dave Lowe and Bob Strong, senior co-captains of the Grayling High Vikings were honored by the Northern Class C Conference by being named for the second year to the All Conference squad.

The Grayling Vikes came within an eyelash of bringing home from Lansing the State High School Class C Championship.

It took the State Champions, Lakeview, to defeat the Vikes in a 65 to 63 overtime game.

Three Frederic Eagles were named to the Snowland Class D Conference team. Named to the team were Bob Pratt, Bruce Welch and Larry Baynham.

The snow at Bear Lake is now all gone. All signs of spring are in the air, even Mrs. Fisher is out riding her bicycle.

People in the area of Bear Lake have reported seeing many deer, and say they look to be in good condition following the winter.

### 69 Years Ago

March 28, 1934

Grayling Lumberjacks and Roscommon Ramblers have each won two games this season and

next Tuesday will play off the tie on Grayling's court. There is a lot of rivalry between the two teams and this will settle the questions for at least this season as to which of the two teams are the champions.

Superintendent P.G. Galsman of Grayling Fish Hatchery says that this has been the coldest March in the history of Grayling. There have been ten nights during the month when it has been below zero.

\$1,100.66 worth of 1934 license plates for automobiles were purchased Saturday from the County Treasurer.

If you see a car coming down the street and it looks as though it were running backwards, that's Fred Welsh's new DeSoto. It looks like a knockout and was purchased just last weekend.

For many years Mrs. Frieda Lenartz used to pay her subscription to the *Avalanche* about the time the robins returned from the South. Those were days when our down-river friends could only come to town after the spring thaws.

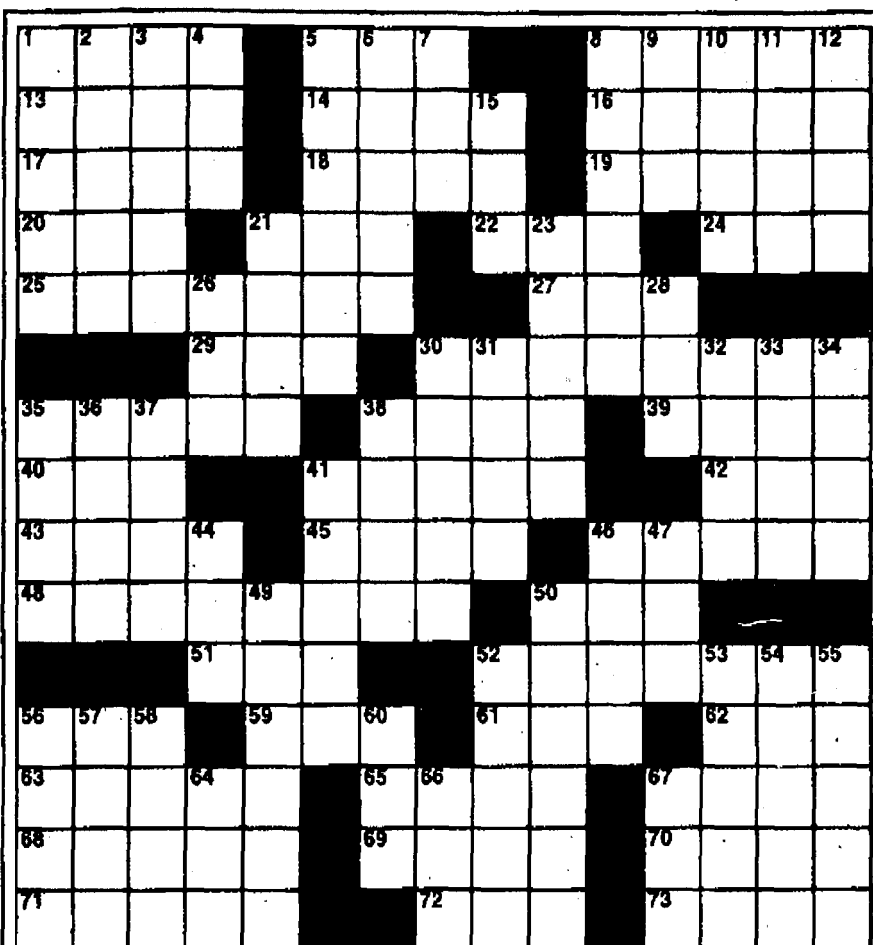
### 92 Years Ago

March 30, 1911

Ed Sorenson was in from Michelson Tuesday. He reports the new lath mill is ready for operation, and four or five houses in process of erection, and expect about 20 more during the season.

Marvin Post G. A. R. No. 240, is giving thanks to Postmaster Bates for a finely arranged inkstand set in a piece of laurel root from the battlefield of Lookout Mountain, which he obtained during his recent visit there and at the convention at Chattanooga. A number of our comrades were there during the unpleasantness of the early '60's and the name brings to them most vivid recollections.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

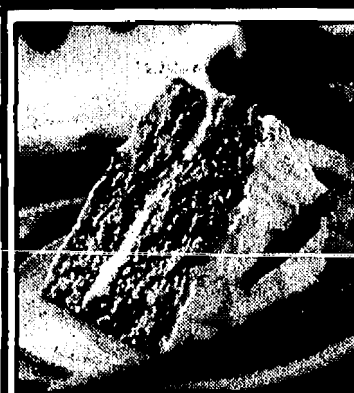
1. A French abbot
5. NBC and CBS rival
8. Absorption unit
13. Sheep noises
14. Yeast
16. A collection of maps
17. This: Spanish
18. Spumante (Italian wine)
19. Froth
20. A pituitary hormone that stimulates the function of the thyroid gland
21. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
22. Sound to express relief
24. Corpulent count, abbr.
25. Cowards
27. Medical: shortened form
29. Lily, frog's hangout
30. Occurring every fall, for example
35. Professional wrestlers Bret and Owen, et al.
38. Bodies: shortened form
39. About aviation: prefix
40. Environmental Protection Agency: abbr.
41. Tortoises' racing opponents
42. Ancient: abbr.
43. List of foods in a restaurant
45. Kwa
46. Chinese province
48. Looks at carefully
50. 'Hee'
51. Genus of macaws

### DOWN

2. Aids
3. Vocalists
4. Places to wash oneself
6. Compass point midway between E and SE
7. Cathode-ray tube: abbr.
8. Bands or ribbons worn about the waist or shoulder
9. Adenosine triphosphate: abbr.
10. Smudge into a haze
11. Unstressed-stressed in poetic rhythm
12. Nanosecond: abbr.
15. Farrow, actress
21. Herbaceous plants
23. Get together
26. Seaport, abbr.
28. Dead on arrival: abbr.
30. Short-billed rails
31. Biblical garden
32. Tide
33. Thomas, British composer, 1700
34. Ness (Scottish lake)
35. A complex red organic pigment containing iron
36. The highest point of something
37. Type genus of the Ranidae
38. To cook, in a way
41. West German city
44. Thurman, actress
46. Type of rabbit
47. Be in debt
49. Pigmented parts of eyes
50. Large, heavy rope for nautical use
52. Norman Vincent, author
53. Dark brownish black
54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
55. Caesar, fruit or egg, for example
56. Semitic fertility god
57. Pimples
58. Clarified butter used in Indian cooking
60. Digital Audio Tape: abbr.
64. Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male
66. 'humbly'
67. Swiss River

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**Cake:**  
1 package (17.5 oz.) Fat Free Cranberry Orange Muffin Mix (1 pouch muffin mix and 1 can cranberries)  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup grated carrots  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained  
**Icing:**  
1/2 cup (4 oz.) lite cream cheese or Neufchâtel

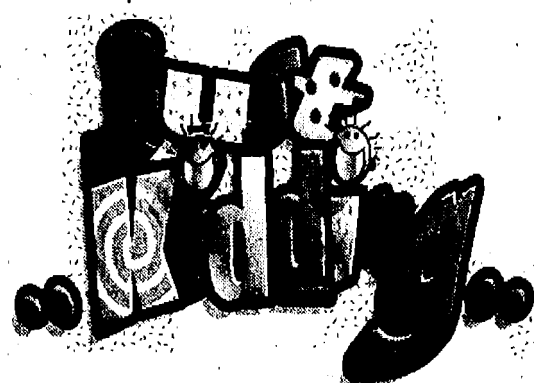
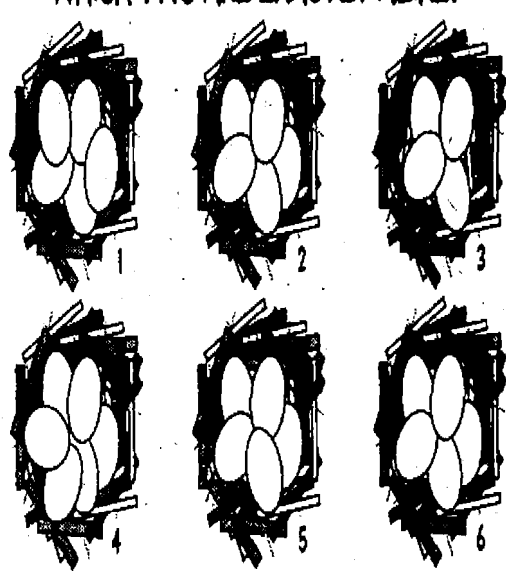
## Cranberry Carrot Cake

2-1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
Preheat oven to 350°F.  
**For Cake:** In medium bowl, blend together Krusteaz muffin mix and water. Add carrots, nuts, cinnamon and allspice. Stir until moistened. Drain cranberries and pineapple. Fold into batter. Spoon batter into two lightly greased 8-inch round cake pans. Bake 28-30 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Let cool 10-15 min-

utes and remove from pans to wire rack. Cool completely and frost with cream cheese icing.  
**For Icing:** Place cream cheese, sugar and orange zest in medium bowl. Using an electric mixer, mix on medium speed for 1 minute or until smooth. To frost, place one cake layer on plate. Spread with half of icing, leaving sides unfrosted. Place remaining layer on top of frosted layer. Spread icing over top, leaving sides unfrosted.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

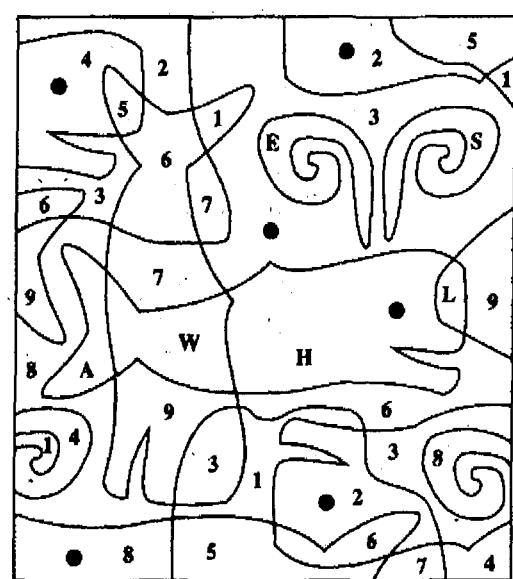


## DID YOU KNOW

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em.

William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Adopt a Pet



Dinah is a 7 or 8 month old Beagle mix. She is spayed and has all of her shots. She is very loving and sweet. Dinah seems to be housebroken and will not be a very big dog. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly and Wild Animal-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the *Avalanche* for either item.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Rain |
|------|----|----|------|
| 3/19 | 44 | 22 |      |
| 3/20 | 51 | 22 | .12  |
| 3/21 | 42 | 34 | .45  |
| 3/22 | 54 | 32 | .09  |
| 3/23 | 42 | 33 | .03  |
| 3/24 | 54 | 35 | .02  |
| 3/25 | 61 | 42 | .04  |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| Wednesday     | Thursday      | Friday      | Saturday           | Sunday              | Monday        |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|               |               |             |                    |                     |               |
| High 40       | High 41       | High 41     | High 41            | High 31             | High 35       |
| Low 18        | Low 23        | Low 23      | Low 17             | Low 12              | Low 12        |
| Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Rain / Snow | Rain / Snow / Wind | Snow Showers / Wind | Partly Cloudy |

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 27, 2003

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
It's amazing how much time you have invested in a home improvement project. Before you go any further, consider how much longer it's going to take you to finish—it may be worth it to hire a professional.

**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20  
You were hoping for better times, but don't worry. Things will be looking up by the end of this week. An invitation to a party arrives in the mail.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21  
With a recent turn in the market, your finances seem secure, but are they? Set up an appointment with a financial analyst and find out how sound your investments are.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
A recent situation has led you to a deeper appreciation of the people around you. Tell your friends and family how important they are, and thank them for everything they do for you.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
The week looks promising. You will finish several projects at work and catch up on chores at home, leaving you lots of free time to play.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22  
Priorities change, and you could be affected. Take it in stride and encourage others to do the same. Don't forget about an important engagement.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22  
Opportunities abound, and you just may get your wish. Check your calendar—a special occasion is closer than you think. Prepare for it now.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21  
As the end of the week approaches, you will discover just how strong you can be in a tough situation. A friend needs a favor, say yes.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21  
Your neighbor has been asking way too many questions about a matter between you and your family. Approach them calmly and explain that while you appreciate their interest,



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.40 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing.

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH**  
Two car garage, full basement.  
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### 1. Real Estate

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)



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**CHARMING 2 BR, 1 1/2 BATH HOME** only minutes from town. Great retirement or starter home. Cement driveway, heated and insulated garage, fenced back yard with perennial gardens and large deck. All appliances included. Seller is licensed Realtor in state of Michigan. FF-1707 \$69,900



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Stunning entrance into the 16 x 28 "Great Room" with beautiful cedar cathedral ceilings. A large snack bar divides the living room from the kitchen. Features are two Lazy Susans, appliance garage, Pergo oak flooring, slate at the entry ways, solid oak doors throughout and very well insulated. \$125,000 \$5061 Ask for Connie!



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Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/03/1)

### A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD

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**NORTHERN WHITETAILS DEER RANCH!** Excellent business or hobby. Fenced 65 acres fully stocked with Pope & Young/Boone & Crockett bucks, 7 ponds, 6 blinds, barn w/garden area and large lean-to, numerous irrigated food plots and breeder pens. Beautiful 2,332 s.f. ranch home offering 3 B/R, 2 baths, large living room, family room, and den, spacious kitchen with ample cabinets and storage. Landscaped yard, sprinkling system, underground pool with extensive decking overlooking a gorgeous trout pond. Concrete drive, 1 car heated attached garage, 1 1/2 car detached garage, and 30 x 40 heated detached garage with 12 ft. doors. A must see to believe! Call for marketing packet. CH-1714



**DOLLARS MAKE SENSE** when invested in this two bedroom, one bath home offers 1,178 sq. ft. Large kitchen and dining room combination. Large utility room, 2 car detached garage, 15.5 x 8 enclosed porch and 10 x 30 covered porch. Convenient to shopping, schools, churches, etc. Bank selling as is condition with \$3,000 floor allowance! CS-1629 \$44,900



**HANDY MAN SPECIAL PRICED TO SELL!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers large kitchen/dining room combination. Large utility room 12 x 16 could be used as den, family room or 3rd bedroom. In town living offers all the conveniences, close to shopping, restaurants, churches, etc. Would make a good starter home or rental unit. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-1665 \$32,500



**471 FEET AUSABLE RIVER WITH 2.75 ACRES.** Tranquil setting with lots of wildlife. Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1,600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manufactured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



**6 ACRES WITH DEEDED EASEMENT** to Ausable River "Holy Waters" and adjoining state land on south & east sides. Newer 1,865 s.f. spacious ranch home offering 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, sliding door onto 6 x 8 porch, 10 x 32 deck, foundation for attached garage, and a 32 x 32 pole barn with two 10 x 32 lean-to's. Great location close to town and very secluded! CH-1713 \$144,900



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES** with additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, creosote vinyl windows, ceramic tile in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. Ausable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



**THE PERFECT HOME FOR YOUR TREASURED ANTIQUES!** This 2,780 s.f. home is located in the City of Grayling. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, ceramic tile and hardwood flooring, partially finished basement, study, and family room. Updated electrical, partial roof, windows, and vinyl siding. Fenced yard, two story garage, covered front porch, and covered deck with hot tub. CH-1652 \$74,500



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**VICTORIAN HOME WITH TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath recently remodeled. New oak kitchen cabinets & appliances. Pergo floors. Formal dining area, large living room with fireplace, full basement. 2 car garage on double city lot. CS-1311 \$169,000



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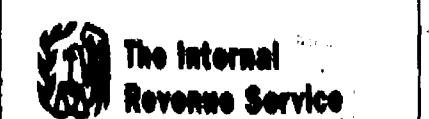
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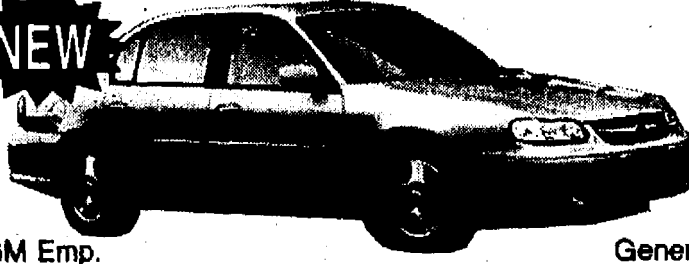




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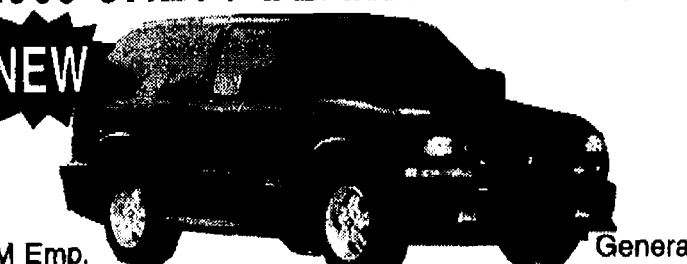
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- 2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
2 Dr. Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp!  
#4729-1 Was \$11,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$10,488**
- 2003 PONTIAC VIBE**  
Auto., air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles!  
A lot less than new! #4944 Was \$17,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$16,488**
- 1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**  
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean!  
A real bargain! #19145-1 Was \$15,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2000 SATURN LS1**  
Bigger Saturn with all of the small car reliability! Low miles and excellent condition! #4881 Was \$14,488 ..... **Blowout Price \$10,988**
- 2000 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Wow! What an incredible car! 10,000 miles, white diamond, heated leather seats, crampuff! Won't last long! #4996 Was \$29,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$26,988**
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#4990 Was \$14,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2000 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE**  
What a beauty! Clean and fully equipped! Only 22,000 miles!  
#4993 Was \$14,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2002 BUICK LESABRE**  
Custom, really nice and clean in popular "Titanium Blue" color!  
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## Clean Cars Under \$10,000

- 2002 CHEVROLET CAVALIER**  
4 dr., auto., with air! Don't pay almost \$20,000 for a new car.  
Buy next to new & save thousands! #19693-1 Was \$11,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$9,988**
- 1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Beautiful Sandstone with simulated convertible top! Nice car!  
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- 2001 SATURN SL1**  
4 dr., auto., with air. Only 8,000 miles. #4856 Was \$13,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$8,988**
- 1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**  
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- 1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS**  
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall!  
#19390-2 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$7,988**
- 1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**  
Very nice with only 56,000 miles! #19357-2 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$7,488**
- 1998 DODGE NEON**  
Auto., with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy!  
#18890-1 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$5,988**
- 1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means!  
#19465-1 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$5,488**
- 1999 DODGE NEON**  
Highline 4 dr., auto., air, power options, really nice!  
#19419-1 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$5,988**

- 1997 OLDS AURORA**  
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right!  
#19123-2 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$7,488**
- 1998 FORD TAURUS GL**  
Loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it!  
#19457-1 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$4,988**
- 1996 CHRYSLER LHS**  
Wow! Leather, power moonroof, clean and sharp!  
#19620-1 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$5,988**
- 1998 CADILLAC CATERA**  
Really sharp and clean! Loaded with options! Drive a Cadillac for a Chevy price!  
#18758-2 Was \$11,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$9,988**
- 1999 SATURN WAGON SW1**  
Auto., with air! Very clean! Must see! Great gas mileage!  
#4882 Was \$12,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$8,988**
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#19283-1 Was \$12,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$9,988**
- 1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp!  
#19138-2 Was \$10,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$9,488**
- 1999 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS**  
With leather! Loaded, neat as a pin! Won't last long!  
#4985 Was \$10,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$8,988**



## Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's


- 2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4 4DR.**  
LT Model! Very clean and nice. Full power!  
#19425-1 Was \$17,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$15,988**
- 1997 CHEVROLET TAHOE 4 DR. 4X4**  
LT with leather! Nice truck! #4957-1 Was \$12,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$11,488**
- 1998 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB. 4X4**  
V8, auto., nicely equipped! Sharp looking! #19241-2 Was \$14,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4**  
V6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4967 Was \$14,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4**  
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter!  
#4938 Was \$19,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$17,988**
- 2002 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4**  
Don't pay \$45,000 for a brand new one! LS, fully equipped!  
#19666 Was \$32,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$29,988**
- 2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, auto., with air! V6 with only 10,000 miles!  
#4899 Was \$17,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$14,988**
- 1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4**  
LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles!  
#4716 Was \$27,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$24,988**
- 1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**  
Ext. wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923 Was \$12,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$11,988**
- 2001 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Extended minivan. Loaded with rear air, all of the options! Only 27,000 miles!  
Perfect for spring break vacation! #19701-1 Was \$18,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$16,988**
- 1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new!  
#19311-1 Was \$11,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$10,488**
- 2000 FORD WINDSTAR**  
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments!  
#19107-1 Was \$13,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,488**

- 1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4918 Was \$15,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$13,988**
- 1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825 Was \$13,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$11,988**
- 2000 CHEVY BLAZER 4 DR. 4X4**  
LT leather, sunroof, two-tone paint, beautiful unit!  
#19317-1 Was \$16,488 ..... **Blowout Price \$16,988**
- 2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new!  
#4969 Was \$14,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$12,988**
- 2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
Wow! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top shelf!  
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- 2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR. 4X4**  
LS trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940 Was \$30,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$28,988**
- 2000 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 EXT. CAB**  
LS, 5.3 V8, fully equipped! #19712-1 Was \$19,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$17,988**
- 2003 PONTIAC MONTANA ALL WHEEL DRIVE**  
Awesome - only 9,000 miles! DVD rear entertainment package (you'd be a hero!) Loaded! #4994 Was \$27,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$25,988**
- 2002 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4**  
Wow! Power sunroof, fully equipped! #19468-1 Was \$21,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$19,988**
- 2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER EXT. 4X4**  
3 seats! Rear DVD Entertainment! LT with leather! Loaded! Only 10,000 miles!  
#4988 Was \$30,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$28,988**
- 2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4**  
LS, loaded 5.3 V8, Pro-Tec Composite box package, low miles!  
#19706-1 Was \$25,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$23,988**


## Clean Trucks, Vans, SUV's Under \$10,000



- 1995 CHEVY C1500**  
2 Wheel drive, V6, stick, decent truck! Only 75,000 miles!  
#19543-1 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$5,988**
- 1993 FORD EXPLORER**  
4 dr., 4x4 with leather and sunroof! Nice unit has some miles, but priced right!  
#19610-2 Was \$6,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$4,988**
- 1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
6 cyl., nice! Ready for winter! #19186-3 Was \$9,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$8,488**
- 1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN**  
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price!  
#19512-1 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$6,988**
- 1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4**  
2 dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!  
#19210-2 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$6,988**
- 1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**  
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options!  
Only 35,000 miles! #4883 Was \$11,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$8,988**
- 1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**  
2 wheel drive, V8, neat as a pin, fully equipped!  
#19253-1 Was \$12,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$9,988**
- 1993 CHEVY K1500 REG. CAB 4X4**  
With power V8, auto., silverado trim, AC, only 75,000 miles!  
#4987 Was \$8,988 ..... **Blowout Price \$7,788**

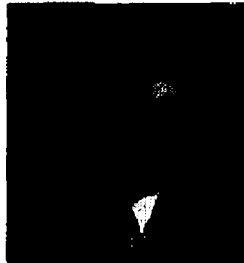






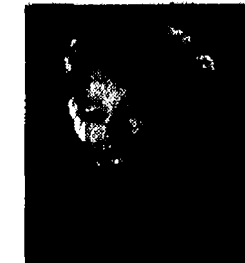
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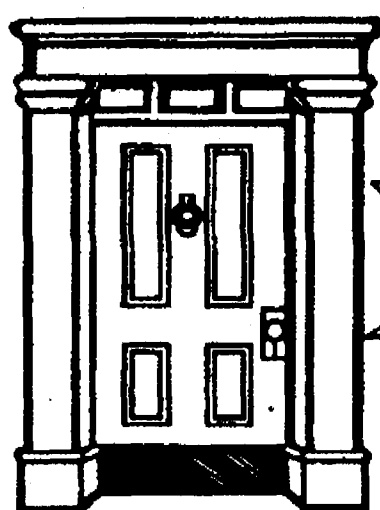
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(IHIT) - Accidental CO poisoning claims about 1,500 lives annually and about one in five deaths involves heating or cooking equipment. The best defenses against carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home are making sure that heating and cooking appliances are properly installed and maintained, and that CO alarms are installed on each level of a home-particularly near sleeping areas. Tips on how to check for carbon monoxide hazards and a room-by-room safety audit are available at [www.firstalert.com](http://www.firstalert.com).

When appliances and vents work properly and an adequate supply of carbon monoxide alarms are installed throughout the house, residents can help protect themselves and their families from this silent killer.

Carbon monoxide can build up wherever flammable fuel is burned. Potential culprits of carbon monoxide in the home include:

- Gas stove and range top - Because these appliances are often unvented, they can be common sources of CO in the home. To help prevent CO from seeping, regular cleaning of the range top, oven cavity and burners is recommended. Keeping these appliances maintained and in working condition can also help reduce the chance of CO poisoning.

- Gas furnace and water heater - Improper installation or damage from basement flooding can cause both these appliances to produce harmful levels of CO. A clogged or dirty burner can also negatively affect the air/fuel mixture. Soot buildup and a pilot light mostly yellow in color could be indicators that the fuel is burning incompletely. A qualified technician (usually employed by a local oil or gas company) can inspect the furnace and water heater to ensure the air and fuel mixture is adjusted correctly and to make sure the burner components are cleaned.

- Gas clothes dryer - A faulty or improperly installed dryer can be a CO hazard. Exhaust pipes clogged with lint can also cause CO to build up. Again, regular inspection and maintenance are good preventive measures, as is cleaning the lint filter after each use.

While checking the common household appliances, the chimney and wood-burning stove should also be inspected. If a bird's nest, leaves or soot are blocked in the chimney, CO can vent back into the home. Periodic inspection and cleaning by a chimney sweep company is recommended, and a screened cap placed over the top of a chimney can discourage nest building.

Before starting a fire, be sure the flue is open and not clogged, and keep the flue open until the fire is completely out to allow the gases to safely escape through the chimney.

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Homeowners looking for a low-maintenance, environmentally sound outdoor living area should consider a brick deck or patio. If elevation is not needed, a brick patio like the one shown is a low-cost, do-it-yourself project.

## Brick: An Attractive And Affordable Alternative For Decks

(IHIT) — In light of the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement regarding the phase-out of arsenic-laced, pressure-treated lumber, homeowners across the country are rethinking the safety of their existing wood decks and looking for alternatives for new construction.

So, what's the alternative? Many people building or rebuilding a deck initially consider using lumber treated with one of the non-arsenic-based pesticides being introduced into the market.

A masonry material like brick, however, offers an alternative that not only solves the immediate safety and environmental issues, but provides a more attractive, durable and useful surface that will remain virtually maintenance-free for years to come.

Brick, one of the "greenest" building materials around for thousands of years, can be used to cover a masonry-constructed deck, creating a natural extension of a brick home or a value-added addition to any home.

According to Sam McGee, co-owner of North Carolina-based McGee Brothers Masonry, the largest masonry contracting company in the country, a brick deck is surprisingly easy and affordable to build and can actually solve many of the common homeowner complaints about wood decks. According to McGee, advantages of a brick-covered masonry deck include the following:

- **SOLID AND DEPENDABLE...** A brick deck, like a brick house, is solid and dependable. No swaying in the breeze or shaking when the kids jump on a solidly constructed masonry deck.

- **TOTALLY INFLAMMABLE...** A brick deck takes the worry out of family barbecues or portable outdoor fireplaces (chimineas). While fallen embers have been known to ignite wooden decks, a brick deck's flame resistance will protect both your deck and your home.

- **SPLINTER FREE...** No more annoying splinters to keep you or your kids from enjoying your deck without shoes. No more stubbed toes, either. Unlike lumber, which can warp to create an uneven surface, a brick deck will maintain the integrity of its design for decades to come.

- **AGES LIKE A FINE WINE...** Instead of fading and warping that comes with a wood deck, you can expect your brick deck to actually improve with age, taking on a rich patina associated with the brick streets of days gone by. And no maintenance is required. While regular refinishing and resealing are mandatory for keeping up a wood deck's appearance, none is ever required for brick surfaces.

- **USEFUL SPACE...** Because an elevated brick deck creates a solid, nonpenetrable surface, the space below can be used as extra outdoor living or storage space, with protection from the elements.

McGee, whose company has built hundreds of brick decks, says the cost of a brick deck is comparable to a lumber deck, with brick running about 25% more than lumber decks. "A brick deck shouldn't be cost prohibitive to anyone. We build lots of small brick decks on starter homes, and in the long run it's a good investment for homebuyers and for homebuilders. Given the choice, I've never had a customer choose a wood deck over brick," McGee notes that a ballpark price for a medium-sized wood deck is \$15 per square foot, while a brick deck will run around \$20 per square foot.

Brick Industry Association Vice President Tom Perry, commented on the dilemma facing homeowners who want a deck, but don't want the carcinogenic additives that have traditionally come with pressure treated lumber. "We understand your concerns, and we want to help. Brick — made from the primal elements of earth,

water and fire — is about as back-to-nature as a building product gets. We can guarantee not only your safety from chemical treatment methods, but fire resistance, durability and virtually no maintenance for the life of the product, which for brick may be longer than your own lifetime."

Perry suggests homeowners looking for an outside living area that doesn't necessarily need to be elevated consider a brick patio, which is even less expensive than a wood deck and can be installed by most do-it-yourselfers. A downloadable guide for installing brick pavers without mortar is available at <http://www.brickinfo.org/pdfs/7steps.pdf>.

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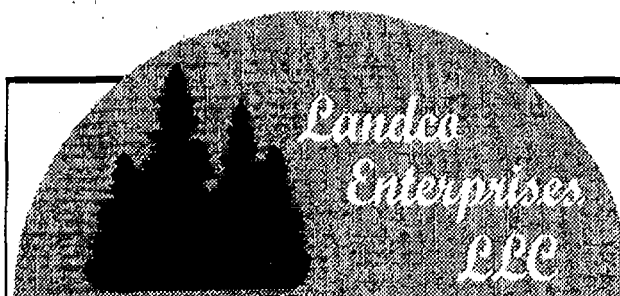
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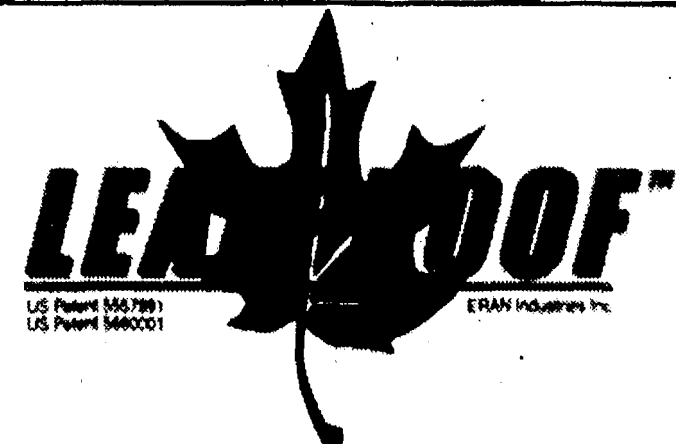
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## Conservatories Create Comfort Zone

By Lis King

(IHIT) — Talk to architects and interior designers these days, and you'll hear the word "comfort" crop up again and again as they describe current projects. Even clients with nice trust funds are shunning over-the-top rooms, instead opting for family-friendly spaces. Home magazines have jumped on the bandwagon, too, telling readers how to wrap their rooms in easy comfort. In fact, the word comfort is a favorite eye-catcher on magazine covers.

In the words of Alan Stein, architectural director of Tanglewood Conservatories, "comfort is the new glamour".

"The ideals now and in the future are comfort and easy living rather than show-off decors and pretense," he explains. "This is how we're coming to define luxury, and it is hard to think of a space that suits these new ideals

better than a conservatory. It works as a place to brunch, lunch and dine. It's a great retreat after a hectic day of work, crowds and traffic, and it's perfect for parties. It can also be a studio, a den, a spa and practically any other space associated with creature comforts."

He adds that comfort isn't just physical.

"It is emotional as well," he says. "For example, it appeals to homeowners that they can enjoy the garden year-round from a conservatory. In fact, new conservatory owners often remark that they never knew their garden was so wonderful in winter, too. They especially can't get over what a magical experience it is to be sitting in a glass room with snow falling all around you."

### Energy Efficiency

But can a glass room really be comfortable year-round?

The answer is yes, and this is true even if you live in Southern California or Northernmost Vermont. Glass is specified for top energy efficiency, and the tile and stone floors commonly used in conservatories are excellent for both radiant and passive solar heating. In hot climates, ceiling fans, window blinds, skylights that open, and exterior roof sunscreens will prevent excessive heat build-up, and just like the tile and stone floors work to conserve heat in cold climates, they will store cool night breezes and air conditioning in hot climates.

"Looking at the intricate fretwork of glass and elaborate architectural details characteristic of conservatories, it's difficult to think of them as anything but a beautiful confection," remarks Stein. "But in the hands of a good architect and conservatory specialist, they can absolutely increase a home's energy efficiency. This is a talent that's more appreciated than ever. People are looking for ways to decrease the nation's dependency on foreign oil, and this is a step in the right direction."

### Location, Location

The location of the conservatory

has a lot to do with its energy efficiency. Stein, who often makes as many as a dozen visits to a site before a project is finished, points out that a Southern location captures the most daylight, but it may be too hot in many regions. Eastern exposure eases cooling needs by providing sun in the morning and shade the rest of the day, but clearly this is not a good idea for somebody, who wants a retreat for after-work enjoyment.

Western exposure will bring in afternoon sun, and in many parts of the country this will be so harsh that it must be shaded. Northern exposure will provide low levels of light and partial shade most of the day. That might cause a room to be too cool in Northern states, but it would be a good idea for Southern regions. Locating a conservatory on an east-west axis in cool regions will provide the highest amount of passive solar heating benefits.

Stein calls locating a conservatory "an art" and designing and building it "serious business"

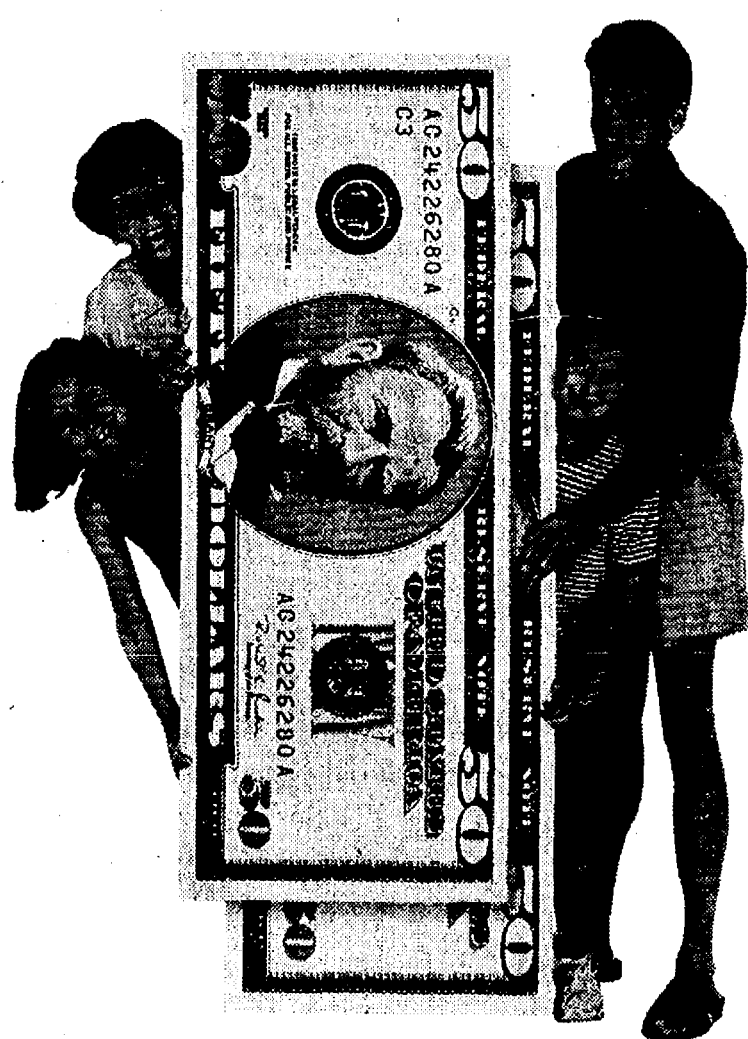
"A conservatory has to complement the home, provide a great view of the garden, suit the family's lifestyle, and function as well as it looks," he explains. "A custom-built conservatory may well cost from \$300 to \$900 per square foot, so every aspect, from site location to material choices, must be handled expertly. Consulting with a design professional and builder with a gifted eye and a proven track record is a must."

In Tanglewood's case, drawings of the proposed conservatory are presented to the homeowner. Once they are approved, the company's team of craftsmen springs into action, building the conservatory, and then disassembling it into large sections for shipment to the site. Tanglewood is located in Denton, MD, an area noted for its traditions of boat building, fine carpentry and glass artistry, all skills that enhance conservatory projects.

To see examples of the firm's colorful custom projects, check [www.tanglewoodconservatories.com](http://www.tanglewoodconservatories.com)

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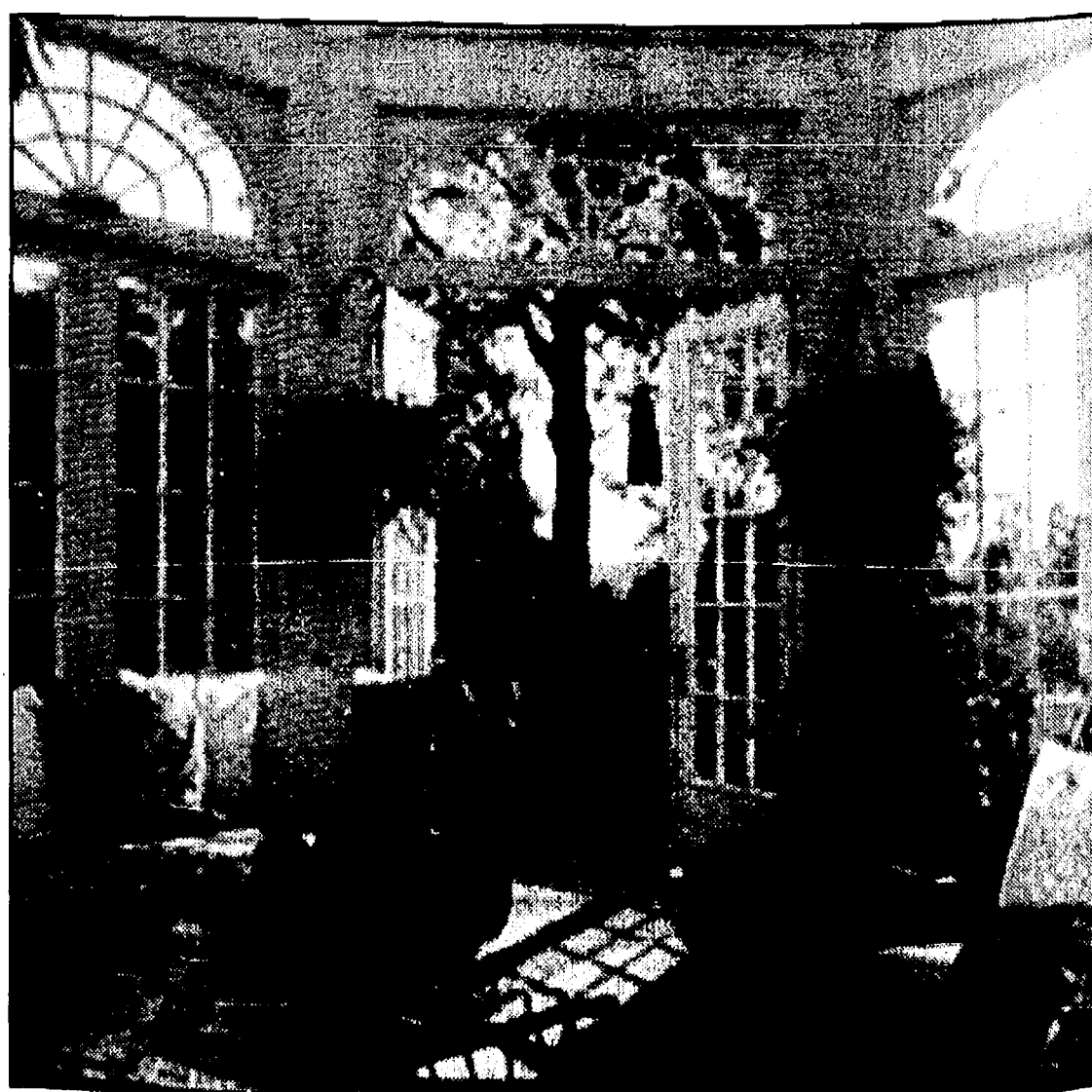


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# Insulate Your Crawl Space To Save On Summer Cooling Bills

(IHIT) – After a long winter, many homeowners look forward to tidying up their yards by removing branch and leaf debris, planting flowers, cleaning outdoor furniture and getting their air conditioning units ready for the warmer months ahead.

One area that shouldn't be overlooked, according to the CertainTeed Home Institute, is the crawlspace.

Insulating the crawlspace is a relatively easy project that can help you save on energy bills and add to the comfort of your home in the months ahead.

Most crawlspaces should be insulated with a minimum of 6-1/4" thick R-19 fiber glass insulation. If your crawlspace is not insulated, you should consider doing it yourself or hiring a professional insulation contractor to do the job.

There are two ways to insulate a crawlspace and both are equally acceptable methods. The method

you choose, however, depends largely on whether your crawlspace has water pipes and/or ducts in it. In both cases, start the project by covering the ground with four or six mil polyethylene sheeting. Then use bricks or rocks to hold the material in place.

Next, if your crawlspace does not contain pipes and ducts, insulate the crawlspace floors. To insulate the floors, press insulation between the floor joists starting at one end and working out. Insulation with a vapor barrier should be used with the vapor barrier facing up and in contact with the subfloor.

Insulation may be held in place by stapling chicken wire to the bottom of the joists, by lacing wire back and forth among nails in the bottom of the joists or using special insulation support.

In any event, be sure the ends of the fiber glass batts fit snugly up against the band joists, and the batt itself fits up against the bot-

tom of the floor. This will prevent loss of heat from convection currents.

On the other hand, if the crawlspace contains ducts and pipes, the walls should be insulated to keep the area from experiencing severe temperature extremes which can cause pipes to freeze and burst. First, install the insulation to the top of the band joist with a small piece of wood and then let it flow down the side of the wall and out approximately two feet onto the floor, so it resembles an "L" shape. If the crawlspace has vents in the walls, close the vents and insulate over them.

For more information on insulating crawl spaces, write to the CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA 19482 or call 1-800-782-8777 for the free pamphlet "How To Insulate Crawlspaces."

Also, visit us on the Internet at [www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com).

## Brick: An Alternative For Decks

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The EPA's announcement on the phase-out, made last year, cited a pending federal agreement which would phase out the production of the most common variety of pressure-treated lumber by 2004 because chemicals used to protect the wood from insects and rot contain arsenic, a carcinogen. It is estimated that 90 percent of all pressure-treated wood currently on the market is treated with the arsenic-based pesticide known as chromated copper arsenic (CCA).

Pressure treated lumber, typi-

cally used in any area in which wood must be protected from decay, is often used for fences, playground equipment, building foundations, boat docks, picnic tables and the ever-popular backyard deck, found in millions of homes across the country.

How significant is the level of arsenic found in the lumber, and should you replace existing decks made of treated lumber? While the EPA has not yet published its preliminary risk assessment, environmentalists warn that arsenic levels in treated lumber are so high that homeowners should take

steps to reduce the risk, especially when children are in contact with the material, by applying an oil-based sealant or replacing the structure.

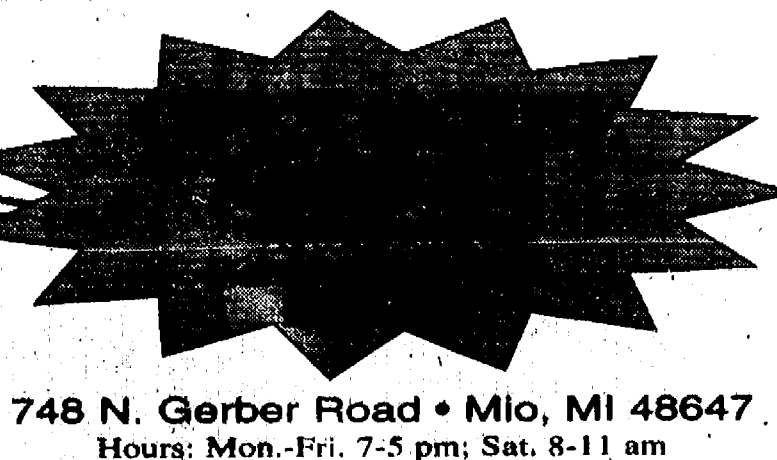
According to Paul Bogart of the Healthy Building Network, a single 12-foot-long 2' x 6' contains about 27 grams of arsenic — enough to kill 250 adults. Jane Houlihan, a vice president of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based environmental research organization, warns, "Children increase their cancer risk every time they play on this wood."

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With hot tub ownership increasing more than 30 percent over the last three years, it seems that more and more Americans are realizing the benefits of owning a hot tub.

## Overcoming The Eight Common Myths, Why Hot Tub Ownership Is On The Rise

By Megan Dyer

(IHIT) – According to a recent survey published in American Demographics, many Americans are reexamining their lives, reshaping their priorities and making changes that better balance work and family, due to the terrorist attacks that occurred in September 2001.

However, even before the tragedy of 9/11, Americans were looking for ways to cope with stress. The American Institute of Stress reports that 89 percent of adults describe experiencing "high levels of stress," and most say they are under more stress now than they were five to 10 years ago.

Add the current state of national security and the threat of a recession and you'll find that many Americans are spending more time at home.

"As Americans are 'cocooning,' they are spending money on beautifying their homes and enhancing the comforts of their personal spaces," said Jim McClure, COO of Dimension One Spas and Chairman of the National Spa and Pool Institute's (NSPI) Hot Tub Council. "The hot tub industry partially attributes its record sales in 2002 to the current cocooning trend."

With hot tub ownership increasing more than 30 percent over the last three years, it seems that more and more Americans are realizing the benefits of owning a hot tub. In fact, the NSPI estimates that approximately 3.4 million households currently have a hot tub.

"Hot tub owners are finding uses for their hot tubs beyond the realm of social entertaining - they are integrating hot tubs into backyard retreats for relaxation and renewal," said David Carleton, V.P. of Sales and Marketing at Dimension One Spas. "Additionally, 72 percent of owners believe the addition of a hot tub increases the value of their home."

What is keeping you from purchasing a hot tub? Before answering, let's gain a better understanding of hot tubs and the common myths associated with ownership.

*Myth one: I need a chemistry*

degree to keep the water in my hot tub clean.

*Reality:* Water quality tests take less than a minute! A test kit determines sanitizer level (usually bromine or chlorine), pH level, total alkalinity and calcium hardness — hot tub water must have the correct balance of the aforementioned elements.

*Myth two: The electricity a hot tub uses will cost a fortune!*

*Reality:* While the cost to operate a hot tub will vary depending upon the model, size, insulation type, geographic climate and frequency of use, the typical hot tub uses the same amount of electricity as a fan.

Consumers should consider purchasing a spa that incorporates a high-efficiency circulation pump and heater, which dramatically cuts operating costs. To conserve even more energy, purchase a spa that is 100 percent foam insulated with closed cell polyurethane — like the kind used in your freezer. This type of insulation minimizes heat loss and ensures the lowest operating costs.

Keep in mind that accessories such as a well-fitting insulated cover also HELP your hot tub retain heat and increase energy efficiency.

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# Why Hot Tub Ownership Is On The Rise

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**Myth three:** Hot tubs are not appropriate for households with small children.

**Reality:** Today's technology has introduced numerous devices and systems providing consumers with additional easy and affordable protection regarding hot tub usage. Options include:

- **Covers.** Hot tub covers are a great safety feature if they cover the entire hot tub and are impenetrable. Check to see if the cover is included in the price of the hot tub, and make sure it meets the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) F1346-91 safety standards.

- **Electronic safety features.** Many hot tub control panels include safety lock-out functions to ensure that no one can turn on the jets or adjust the temperature beyond a safe limit. Additionally, many hot tubs operate with automatic shut-off devices should the water temperature exceed the recommended maximum.

**Myth four:** I don't need a hot tub if I have a jetted bathtub.

**Reality:** There is a significant difference between a jetted bathtub and a hot tub. Hot tubs feature contoured seating, require sanitizers, are larger and are typically installed outdoors. There also are performance differences between the two products. Hot tubs are designed with the power levels necessary to deliver the full benefits of multiple hydromassage jets and allow for full body immersion, and are equipped with

heaters to deliver water temperatures conducive to providing users with therapeutic benefits.

The National Spa and Pool Institute recommends a maximum water temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Consumers should be aware of one last major difference — hot tubs can utilize the same water for long durations of time, while jetted bathtubs need to be filled for individual use.

**Myth five:** Installing a hot tub in the backyard is a major remodeling project.

**Reality:** Self-contained hot tubs generally require very little site preparation. Typically, all that is needed is a dedicated electrical outlet, typically 220 volts, a nearby water hose, and a firm, level area that is able to support the hot tub. Most dealers deliver and set up the unit as a service that is built into the price of the hot tub.

**Myth six:** A hot tub is a novelty purchase.

**Reality:** Unlike some purchases, hot tubs get plenty of use from their owners. A recent NSPI survey of hot tub owners found that 80 percent use their hot tub as much or more than anticipated. Furthermore, another NSPI study found that 90 percent of current hot tub owners would recommend hot tub ownership to a friend.

**Myth seven:** Outdoor hot tubs are limited to seasonal use.

**Reality:** Technology advances in hot tub heating systems and insulation allow for year-round usage.

"Most hot tub owners prefer to utilize their tubs during the cooler months," said Carleton. "Consumers can purchase a winterizing kit to ensure the maintenance of their hot tubs that includes insulation for the unit, pipes and support equipment, an insulated cover to retain heat, and a device to help protect your hot tub from freezing that is monitored by a thermostat or timer."

**Myth eight:** Hot tubs are difficult to clean and maintain.

**Reality:** While hot tubs aren't maintenance free, they are easy to maintain. In addition to routine water care, hot tub manufacturers recommend that owners should:

- Clean the filter at least once a month — this usually just requires rinsing the filter with a garden hose.

- Drain and refill the tub with fresh water once every three to four months (depending on frequency of use); clean the unit thoroughly at this time.

- Wipe down the hot tub skirting with a sponge as needed — new polymer skirting makes cabinet maintenance easy.

To find the perfect hot tub to fit your needs, call Dimension One Spas at 1-800-345-7727 for a free brochure, or log on to [www.D1Spas.com](http://www.D1Spas.com) and select "Find My Spa."

Source: National Spa and Pool Institute



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## Healthy Air Takes Some Attention

(IHIT) — Homes contain a wide variety of common sources of contaminants that are introduced into the air during the normal course of living:

- Pet odors and residue
- Environmental ozone from electrical appliances
- Cleaning chemicals
- Smoke from tobacco products, cooking, candles
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from construction materials, adhesives, paint, carpet, appliances, furniture
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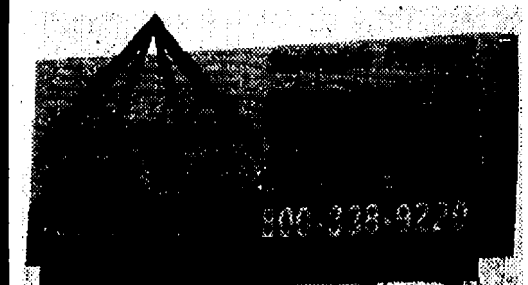
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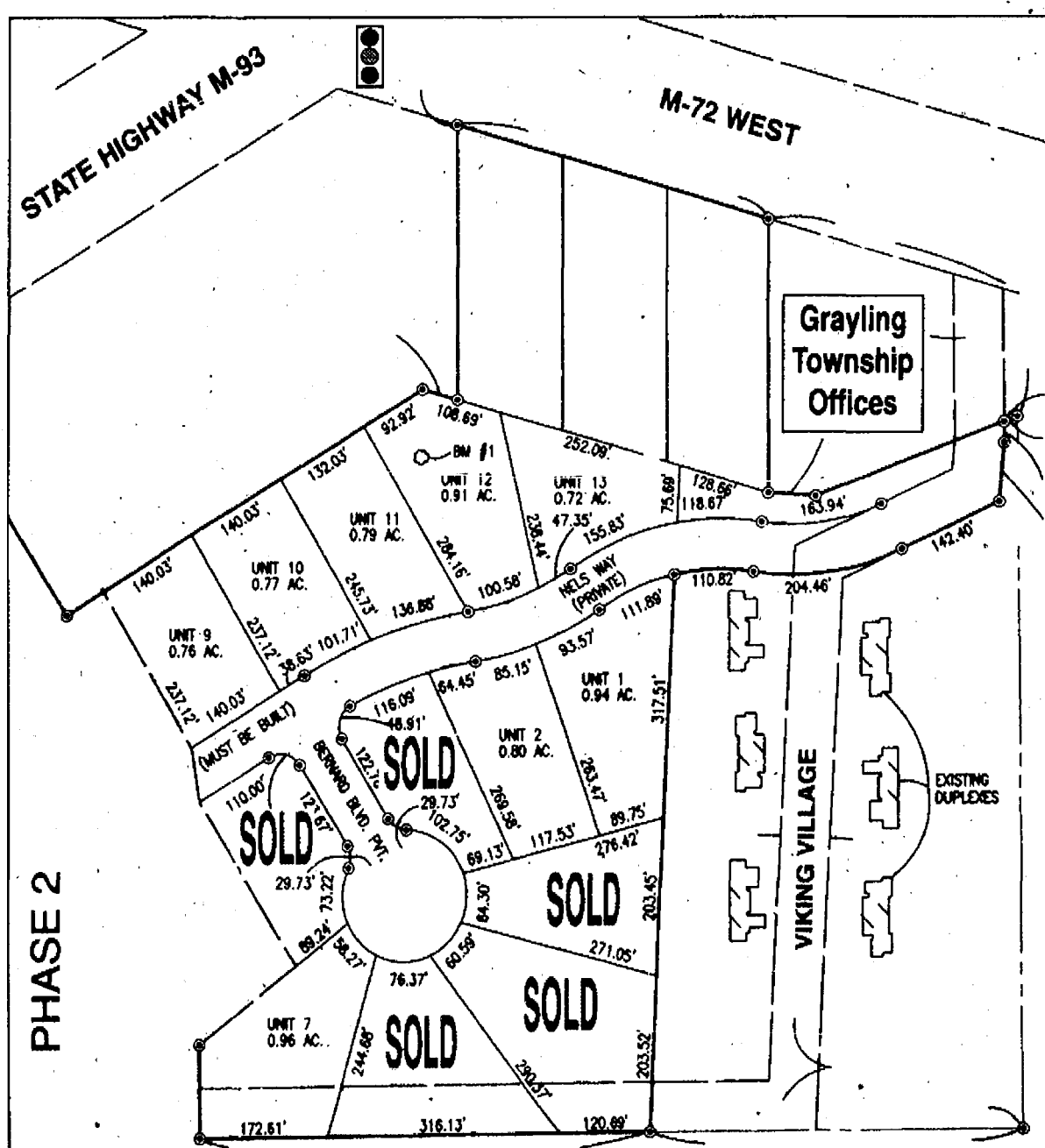
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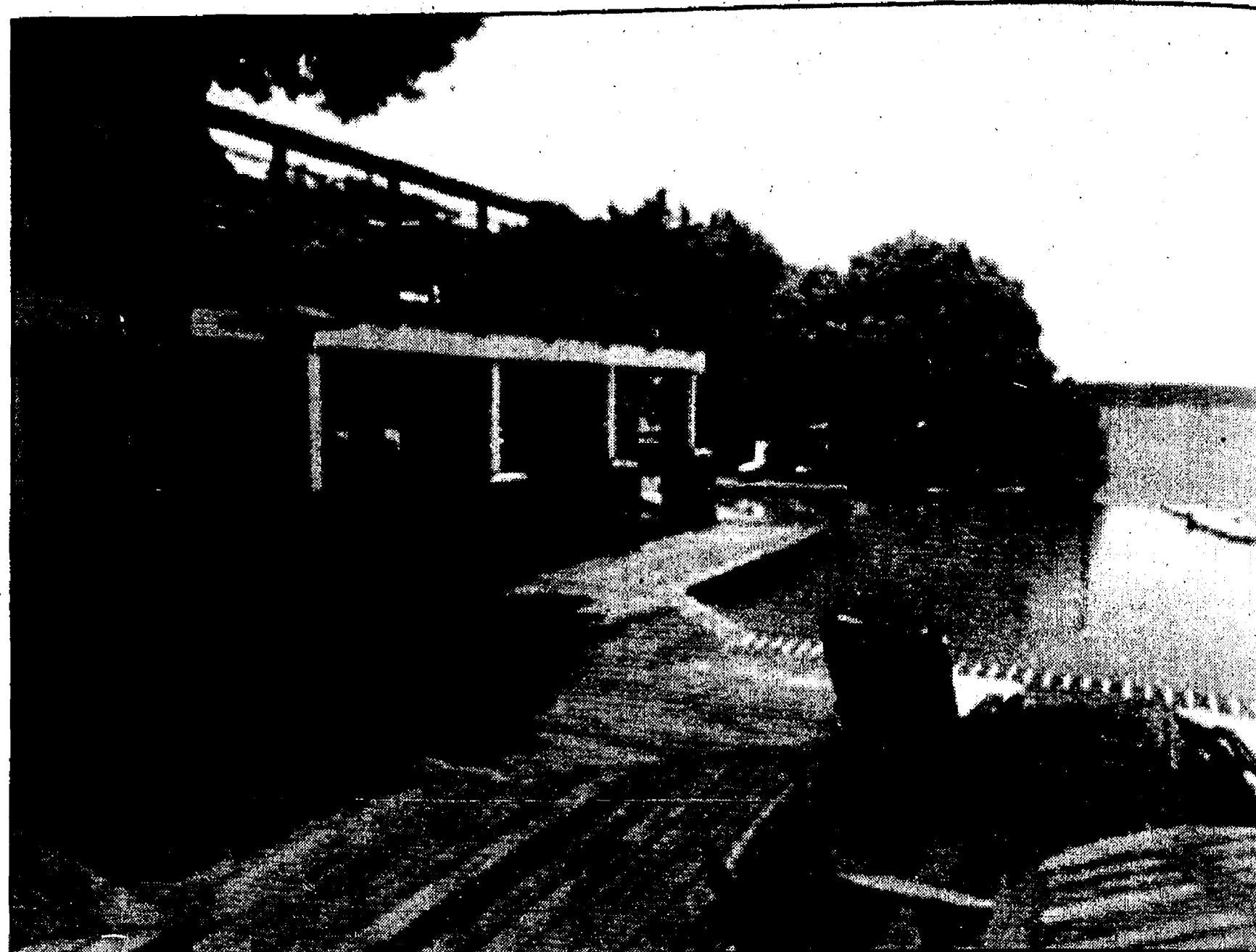
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Natural Deck — Decks are great places for family fun and parties, but be careful what materials you use to build them.

# Decks Expand Living Spaces

By Lis King

(IHIT) — The deck has become America's favorite add-on, and no wonder. Architecturally, it adds importance to a house, and, of course, it extends indoor living spaces and increases the usefulness of outdoor areas. It is a great place for kids to play and grown-ups to relax or party. It can be a simple platform or a multi-tiered extravaganza, and it associates easily with steps and fences in any landscaping plan.

But building professionals warn that for a deck to be perfect for your home and lifestyle, you need to start out with a good plan.

"A well-planned deck should complement the house and provide a smooth transition to the

yard," explains Cole Martin of Earthfloor.com, on-line marketers of home remodeling and design products. "There are so many things to consider. For example, a deck can be designed for privacy or exposure. It can be located to catch a cool breeze or protect against harsh ocean winds. It can be an elegant setting for parties, an informal outdoor room for family meals, or a secluded spot for a hot tub or sunbathing.

"The possibilities are infinite, so the whole family needs to sit down and make a wish list. Then you can begin to do away with excesses and zero in on a design that fulfills as many of your dreams as possible. Then you will have to select materials and patterns for the decking, railings and stairs. If you get stuck, seek help from professionals."

#### Size It Right

Being too stingy with the size of your deck is one of the most common planning errors. According to the design team at Earthfloor.com, you should plan on circa 20 sq. ft. of space per person, who will be using the deck. That makes it easy to compute if you are merely building a family deck, but it becomes a bit more complicated if you are going to use it for entertaining.

The Earthfloor planners say that you should plan on a minimum of 64 sq. ft. for a dining table and chairs, but remember that you also need space for people to move around. There should be at least 3 ft. of space between activity areas.

On a large lot, you have to bal-

ance the size of the deck with other yard features, such as pool, lawn and flower garden, but on a small lot, the worst thing you can do is skimp on the deck size. It will just emphasize how small your yard is. Better let the deck take up virtually all the space, say the Earthfloor specialists.

#### Choices

Ever cognizant of environmental factors, Earthfloor.com frowns on lumbers treated with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) for any area of the deck that may come in contact with humans or animals.

"We only deliver natural woods designed by nature for outdoor use," explains Martin. "Ipe is such a wood. It is three times harder than oak, and it is as close to termite-proof as any wood on the planet. In Atlantic City, it is used for boardwalk decking, and it has stood up to salt water winters for 25 years. The previous pressure-treated pine decking had to be replaced every eight years."

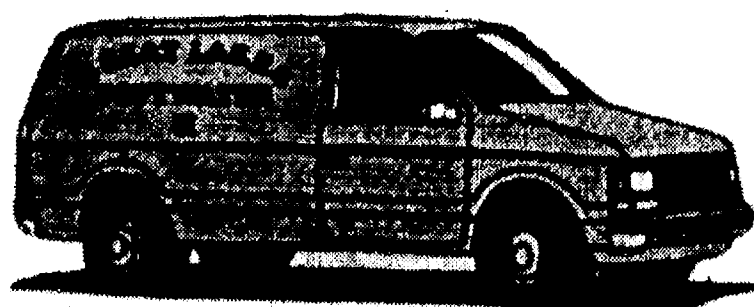
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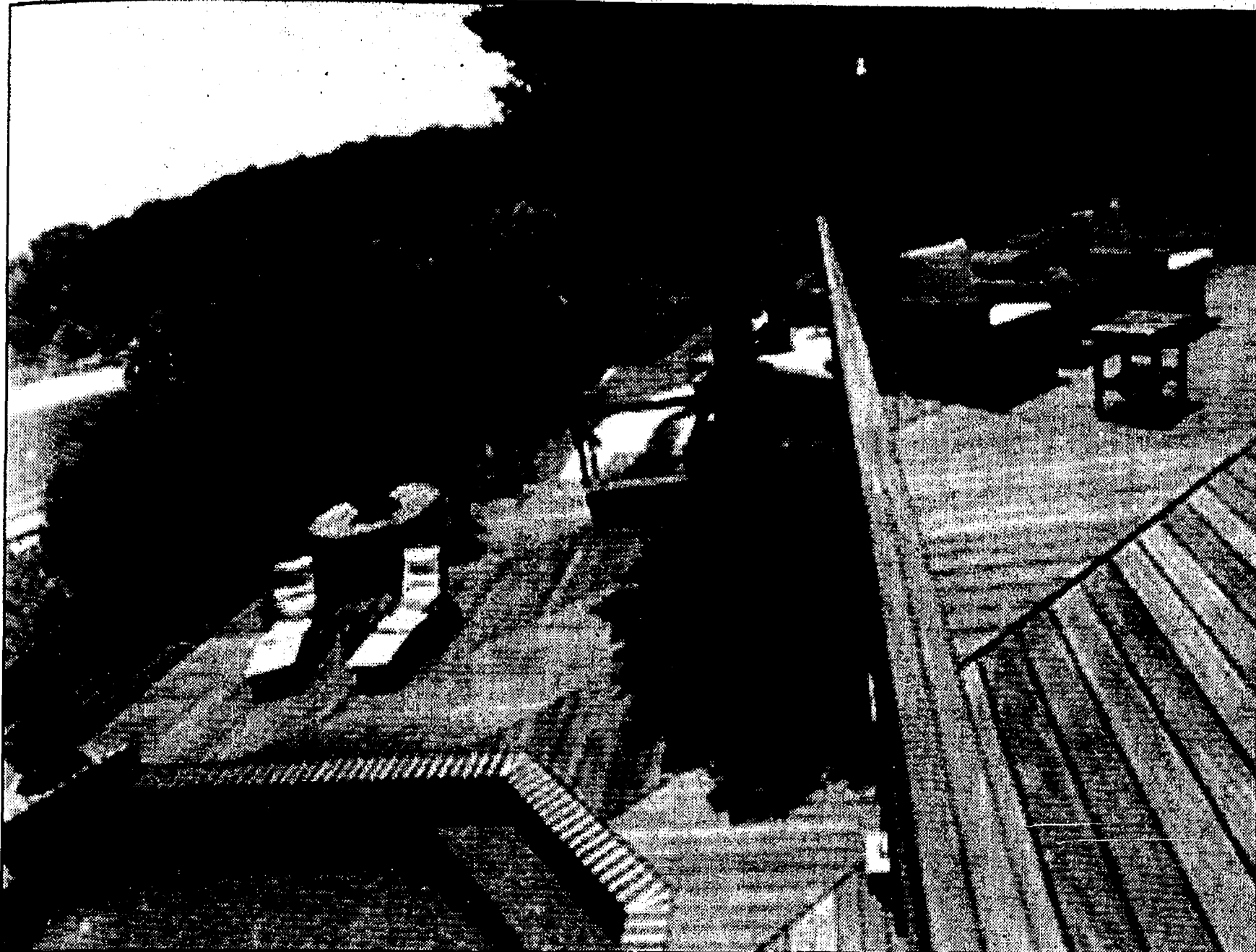
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Yet, this decking is surprisingly affordable.

The prices on Earthfloor's exotic flooring and decking are about half that of traditional species, such as oak and maple, sold at retail. The company is presently selling lpe at \$2.99 per square foot.

Like all the woods that

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"lpe trees are plentiful, but even so the timber company we work with follows a re-forestation program that maintains the environmental balance," tells Martin. "The timber company harvests

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Samples of decking are available free from Earthfloor.com, and the company's design team will furnish design help and plans. For samples or further information, visit [www.earthfloor.com](http://www.earthfloor.com), or call 1-800-293-3681.

## Protecting your electronics against power surges

(IHIT) - Lightning strikes to homes or nearby locations are the most common cause of damage to computers and other electronic equipment. Even minor surges can cause a malfunction which requires the device to be reset. The right type of surge protection can reduce your chances of loss. But a well-designed system requires an understanding of the equipment, and protection at each level.

Beginning at the site of the utility service entrance, a lightning arrestor should be installed. This helps reduce the highest level of power surges caused by lightning (although nothing can save your electronics if it's a direct strike to your building). Continue this protection for lower level surges at each of the building's sub-panels, individual circuits, and outlets that serve delicate equipment. Each level of protection is designed to remove a portion of the surge not eliminated by the preceding level.

The last level of protection is provided at the individual device. This is where the lowest level of harmful disturbances will be filtered out. Providing protection only at the circuit level or electrical outlet is not sufficient to guard against high-energy surges that cause permanent damage.

Balance your investment in protection with the degree of loss you might face if a sensitive electron-

ic device goes down. If your business relies heavily on computers or other microprocessors, the best bet is to provide protection at all levels.

Experts recommend that the following components be included in any surge protection system:

- Lightning arrestor on main service entrance or pole;
- Low resistance grounding that is interconnected in a solid network;
- Surge arrestor in the building service panel;
- Secondary arrestor at the individual circuit to which the electronic device is attached.

To learn more, contact your electric power supplier, equipment manufacturer, or an experienced electrician. Remember, no amount of surge protection will

guarantee absolute reliability. But with an understanding of the causes of power quality problems and the components needed in a well-designed protection system, you can avoid a costly loss in equipment and income.

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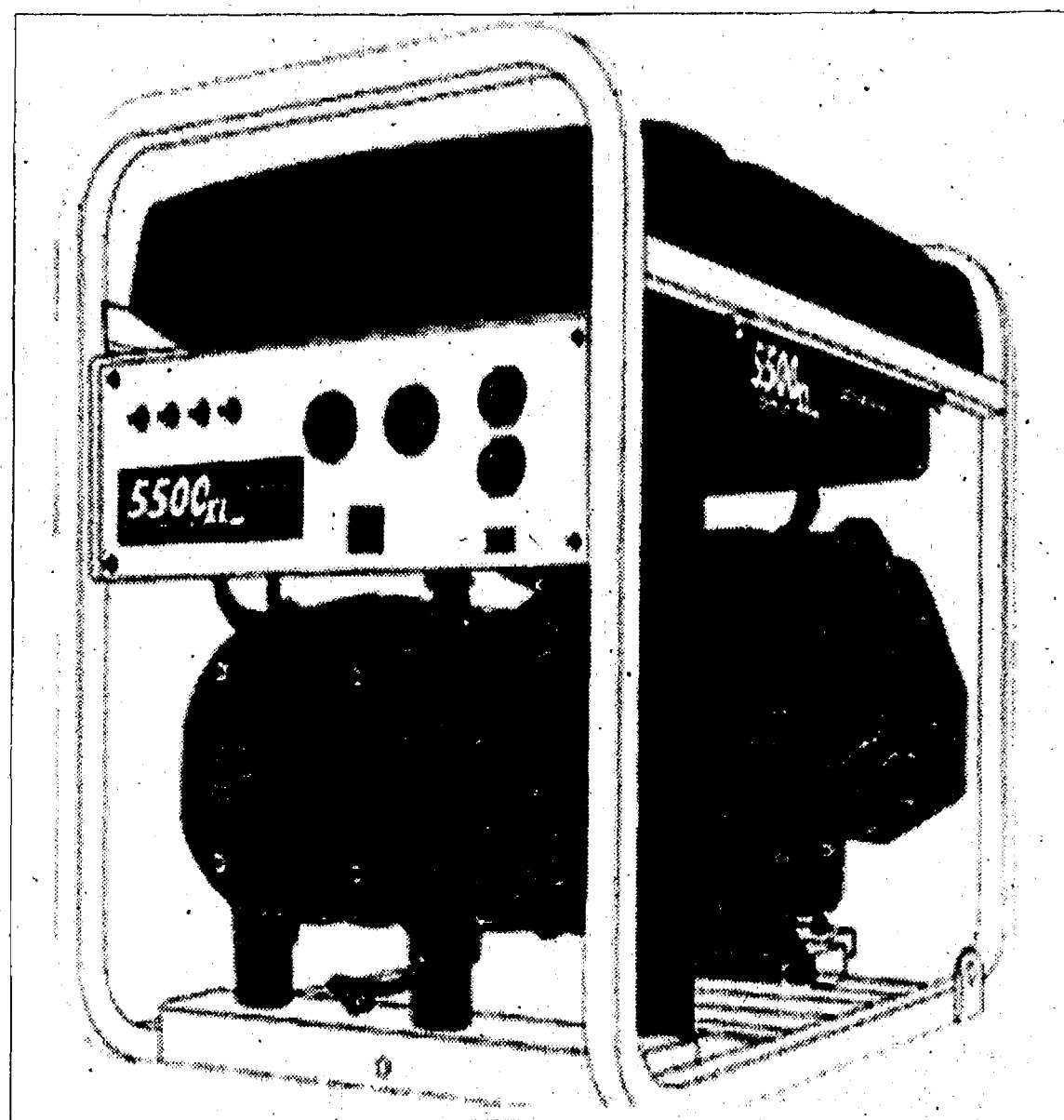
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# How To Select A Standby Generator

(IHIT) - If you are considering a backup generator purchase, there are important sizing and code requirements that you need to know to insure a safe and adequate standby generator installation.

Sizing the generator takes into account the total kilowatt (kW) requirements of the electrical equipment to be served. Undersizing can leave you frustrated while oversizing is just a waste of money. Pay particular attention to anything with an electric motor.

Starting a motor requires three to seven times the current used during normal operation. Allowing for this startup or inrush of current when sizing the genera-



tor is crucial.

Electrical connections to the wiring system of the home, farm, or business requires a double-throw transfer switch. This is not a do-it-yourself project! Involve an experienced electrical contractor to insure a safe, reliable installation that meets all local and national code requirements. Another safety consideration is where the generator is placed. Unless you vent the generator fumes to the outside, never locate it inside a building, garage or basement.

A new publication is now available that contains a wealth of information about standby generators. Called "Sizing and Selecting Your Standby Generator," this 20-page illustrated guide helps homeowners, farmers and small business owners understand a correctly sized and safely installed standby gen-

eration system.

It explains the various types of generators available, such as engine or tractor driven, portable or permanently anchored units. Three examples are provided to illustrate proper matching of the electrical capacity to the particular load requirements.

One section is devoted to the need for a double-throw transfer switch. Also the names, locations, and phone numbers of 32 major generator suppliers are included to assist readers with the selection process.

To order this booklet, call the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC) at 1-573-875-7155 or fax 1-573-449-5322, mentioning "Sizing and Selecting Your Standby Generator." The price is \$9.75 (includes shipping and handling). Learn more about this, and other electrical topics at [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org).

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– they want more luxurious, relaxing spaces and sunrooms fit the bill perfectly. They have noticed that customers are using sunrooms for more than added space, but added style as well.

Rosenstein’s idea of a “jewel box space” is easily executed when the backdrop is nature. People like having a special place to sip coffee and read the morning paper. They fill their sunrooms with comfy furniture and lush plants to create an oasis from the rest of the house and the stress of the day.

## What To Know About Sunrooms:

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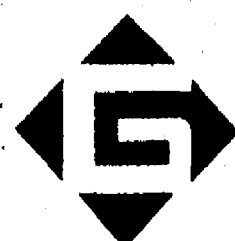
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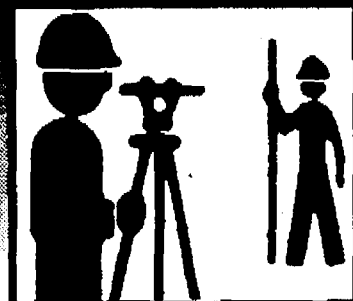


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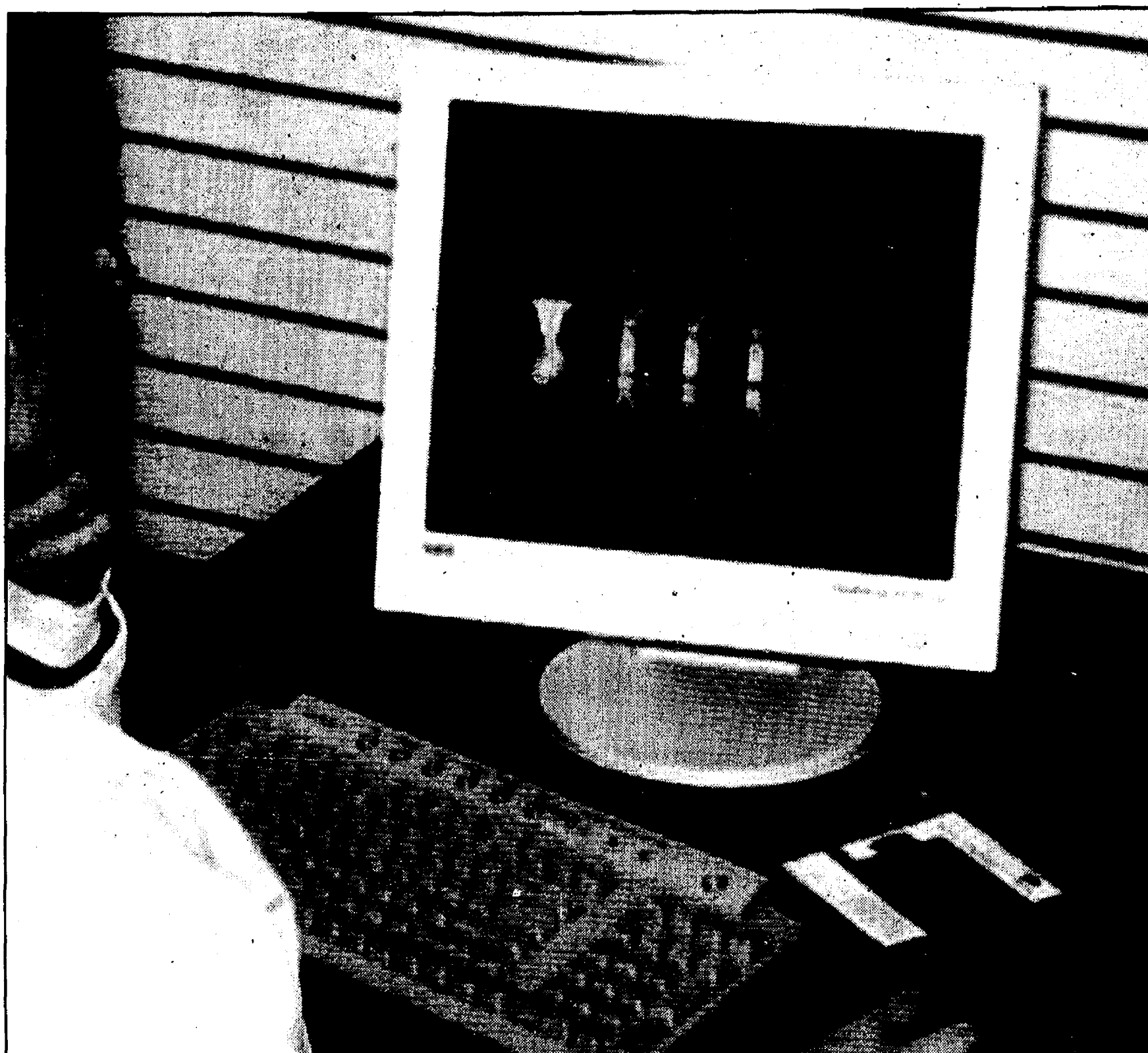
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## Know The Basics Of Electrical Wiring

(IHIT) – Understanding the fundamentals of electrical wiring can be valuable, particularly when you're making simple repairs or home improvements. A three-way switch, for example, is commonly used in lighting circuits to turn a light on and off from two locations. They are often used at either end of a hallway or stairs. But if one of these switches needed replacement, do you have the knowledge to wire it in correctly?

Knowing electrical wiring fundamentals can also keep you and your loved ones safe. Replacing a standard receptacle outlet with a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) can greatly reduce the risk of a shock or a fire. GFCI's are similar to fuses or circuit break-

ers, only much more sensitive to electrical faults. But, unlike fuses or circuit breakers that depend on heavy overloads to function, GFCI's sense very small electrical faults, and cut power instantly before anyone is injured. In fact, the National Electrical Code requires them on receptacles in bathrooms, garages, around pools, and on all outside receptacles.

With this brief review of GFCI's and three-way switches, where do you go next to understand wiring fundamentals? You'll need a book that illustrates several common circuits used for lighting and receptacle outlets. Full-color illustrations are best, because you can quickly see where each color wire should go. Any library will have books on this topic, or you can purchase one from local home centers or hardware stores.

One interesting teaching aid

uses the power of your home computer to explain electrical wiring. "Safe Electrical Wiring Techniques" uses on-screen color graphics and interactive exercises to assemble the most common types of electrical circuits. As a circuit is shown on the screen, the user must point and click where each wire should go. The on-screen exercises go from basic concepts, all the way to point-and-click assembly of lighting circuits, receptacles, and service panels.

With some practice, the user can then go inside example buildings to wire the lights and outlets. The CD runs on nearly all home computers, and costs \$93 (includes shipping). To learn more, contact the National Food and Energy Council at 1-573-875-7155 or visit [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org) under "Materials to Order" to view the graphics.

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## Adding A Sunroom Is Like Adding A 'Jewel' To The Home

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screens for expansive views and refreshing breezes.

• Standard doors and windows rarely fit and must be supplemented with some type of fill that may detract from the design and obstruct your view. Only a custom manufacturer can design a sunroom to fit precisely.

• Rooflines, foundations, vinyl and aluminum materials and hardware options are designed to accentuate your home's character. Solid slope or gable style rooflines, with or without glass roof panels, or curved or angled all-glass roofs provide options for a more traditional or contempo-

rary look.

• Sunrooms can be used for family areas, observatories, dining spaces, exercise rooms, home offices, kitchen extensions, or other ideas – such as a cozy place for the family pet.

• Sunrooms will not only change the size of your home, but also the look. The house will be more open, light and airy.

As the "jewel" of the home, a sunroom also adds value to your investment.

A homeowner can expect a 70 percent return on his or her investment in a glass room, reports the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.



# Choosing Outdoor Lighting

(IHIT) — A well illuminated homesite, farmstead or other rural business adds value to your property in three ways:

- Enhances personal safety and prevents injuries;
- Deters vandalism and theft;
- Extends the productive work hours and outdoor recreation time beyond sundown.

But do you know how to match the right type of light source to the need and location? If you want to illuminate the area in front of your garage, will a 40 watt low pressure sodium lamp provide enough light? How high should it be mounted? Knowing the best light source and fixture style can make all the difference in how you spend your outdoor lighting dollars.

Too often, consumers purchase whatever light fixture happens to be on sale at their local home center, without a thought about wattage, mounting height, energy efficiency, or ease of maintenance. The following recommendations can help you make a better choice.

To illuminate large areas around buildings, fuel storage or parking lots, use high intensity discharge lights (HID). This family of light sources are characterized by their intense, bright light, and must be mounted high to spread the light and avoid glare. Low pressure sodium is a common HID light source. In urban or suburban areas, be sure you're not sending light into your neighbor's window or other areas where it is not wanted. Look for fixtures with a reflector or head assembly that directs light downward. A well designed fixture may cost a little more, but you are gaining in the long run because all the light you pay for is being directed where you can use it. A typical 90 watt, high pressure sodium lamp (120 W with ballast), burning from dusk-to-dawn (about 4,100 hours/year) costs \$49.20 to operate annually, at 10¢ per kilowatt-hour.



**A well illuminated homesite enhances personal safety and prevents injuries, deters vandalism and theft, and extends productive work hours and outdoor recreation time beyond sundown.**

Around entrance doors, gates or other locked areas, use motion-sensor lights. These infrared-activated spot lights have two advantages. They are only on when needed, and their focused beam helps get keys in locks, or maneuver oversized equipment through gates or doors. The automatic off feature also saves energy, since lights are only on a short time.

Near the front walkway of your home or business, use a decorative yard light on a six foot lamp post to illuminate pathways. In addition to enhancing your home's appearance, yard lights can lower your liability for personal injury, and help visitors find their way safely. If the light will be on from dusk-to-dawn, use a compact fluorescent bulb (rather than a standard incandescent) to save energy and reduce the number of bulb change outs. Make sure it is rated for outdoor use, or it won't come on during cold temperatures.

The best overall lighting

scheme combines HID area lighting mounted high, with motion-sensor fixtures near doors, plus a decorative yard light to illuminate walkways.

Additional information can be found in the publication, "Outdoor Lighting for Safety and Productivity" available from the National Food and Energy Council. The fact-filled guide explains each type of light source, and provides recommendations on the right fixture style and placement. A list of average kilowatt-hour usage and annual operating costs for different types of lighting is provided.

The cost of a single copy is \$4.50 (includes postage). To order a copy, contact the National Food and Energy Council at 573-875-7155 or visit [www.nfec.org](http://www.nfec.org).

## Four Steps To An Energy Efficient Home

(IHIT) — According to Edison Electric Institute, whole-house energy efficiency is the key to getting the most value from your energy dollars. Using energy efficiently is also good for the environment. The following steps can put you on your way to a more energy efficient and environmentally friendly home.

Step 1: Tighten your home's thermal envelope. This is a technical term for everything that separates the inside from the outside: roof, windows, walls, doors, and floors over crawl spaces. You can save money by stopping or slowing down air leaks and drafts here. Adequate insulation and effective caulking and weather-stripping are essential.

Step 2: Choose high-efficiency electric appliances. When buying new appliances, or replacing old ones, it pays to buy the most efficient equipment you can afford, especially for home cooling, heating, and water heating.

Step 3: Take control of your energy use. Even simple things like turning off lights when they're not needed can save energy. A programmable thermostat is another smart way to control the temperature in your home.

Step 4: Use your electric company as a resource. They can give you free information and advice about getting more value from your electricity bill. Check out their Web site to see what they have to offer.

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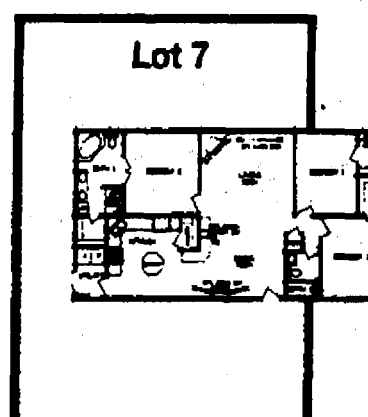
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A brick exterior can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

## Brick: Ideal For Many Architectural Period Homes

(IHIT) — Whether you're a purist looking to create your own English manor or just interested in hinting at Frank Lloyd Wright in your new home, a brick exterior can help you create many of today's most popular home styles.

Let's face it, the plethora of terms used by builders, architects and realtors can be confusing at best, especially when you consider that many homes built today are a mix of several different styles. The guide below should help you identify some of the most popular styles, including, Tudor, English Country, Craftsman Bungalows and Prairie style homes, which were recently named the top home styles in About.com's Dream House survey. You'll also find a "brick pick" — that is a suggested brick type that lends itself well to the individual home style. Because brick is so diverse in its color, texture, mortar and pattern options, it is a top choice for all the architectural styles listed below.

**Tudor and English Country:** This cozy style is reminiscent of Medieval English cottages and manor homes and often include small, diamond-paned windows and exposed wood framing. Intricately patterned brickwork is also a hallmark of this period home. The Tudor was originally built from 1890-1940, but is seeing a current resurgence as indicat-

ed by its #1 position on the Dream House survey. The English country or cottage style home is similar to the Tudor, though somewhat less grand and without the exposed beamwork. This picturesque style resembles a storybook cottage with cozy corners, quirky angles and other charming details.

**Brick Pick:** Antique-look brick (also referred to as wood-mold, handmade or tumbled) in muted stone-like earth tones — buff, tan and charcoal gray — with decorative patterning in accent areas.

**Craftsman Bungalow:** A true American original, these homey bungalows featuring low-pitched roofs and exposed rafters were all the rage at the beginning of the 20th century, starting in California and quickly spreading to the rest of the country. The style's popularity ended in the 1930s, but it is now making a comeback thanks, in part, to movements toward simpler living. Representing structural simplicity, efficient use of space and understated style, it was named the #2 style in the Dream House survey.

**Brick Pick:** Understated and utilitarian, dark brown, extruded brick (very linear and consistent from brick to brick) is a perfect choice for this style. Dark green trim will accentuate the Craftsman look.

**Prairie:** Frank Lloyd Wright pioneered this modern style in Chicago at the turn of the century. Low-pitched hip roofs make these homes look as though they are part of the earth, and the square, often symmetrical lines reflect strength and homespun values. Brick which literally comes from the clay of the earth and is formed into modular, rectangular shapes is a perfect fit for the Prairie style home.

**Brick Pick:** A mixture of earth-tone brick (reds, browns and creams) blend seamlessly into the Prairie style home — the colors can be mixed in together or used in color blocks on different parts of the house. As with Craftsman homes, extruded brick works better than antique-look on the Prairie home.

**French Countryside:** Originally popular in the U.S. from 1915 — 1945, this style includes French Provincial, Normandy and Eclectic designs. Normandy homes resemble miniature castles with arched doorways and round towers, while Provincial houses are much more square and sym-

metrical, resembling small manor homes with tall hipped roofs and window shutters (think Madeline's "old house in Paris that was covered with vines" if you have kids!). French Eclectic borrows from both styles and other French influences for unique looks.

**Brick Pick:** Cool grays work well on all of these sophisticated French styles. Light gray matching mortar between the smooth, extruded brick gives these homes clean lines that allow decorative brick accents like quoins to stand out.

**Colonial:** Another broad category, this genre includes popular Georgian and Federal style homes, introduced to the U.S. just before and just after the American Revolution, respectively. Both styles were the result of influences from across the pond and were popular with new Americans trying to re-create familiar icons of prestige. Though the two are often confused, the difference is in the details. While Georgian homes are square and angular, Federal style homes include more curved lines and decorative flourishes than their simpler Georgian counterparts.

**Brick Pick:** Classic red brick is ideal for both of these traditional style homes. Choosing an antique variety enhances the Colonial period appeal.

While it's the look and feel of brick that makes it work in so many different home styles, once it's in place, homeowners will reap many other benefits including a low-maintenance home, increased resale value (brick homes have a 6% higher resale value than their non-brick neighbors) and a feeling of security that comes from living in a brick home that protects against a variety of threats — from fire to mold to bullets.

Once you've picked the style of home you like and have your house plans selected, visit your local brick distributor's showroom to make your "brick pick". They will be happy to help you find just the right match for your dream home — no matter what style or what size home you're building. Remember, even the grandest of architectural styles can be adapted to fit the not so big home. To find a distributor near you, visit the Brick Industry Association at [www.brickinfo.org](http://www.brickinfo.org) or contact one of the Great Lakes Brick Council at 1-330-492-0303.



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Total Energy Loss <sup>1</sup> (Btu/Hr)	28,882	15,815	6,828	5,416	5,129
Energy Cost <sup>2</sup> (\$/Sq. Ft.)	.68	.58	.24	.18	.17
Installed Cost (\$/Sq. Ft.)	3.23	3.71	5.67	5.68	2.82
Payback Period <sup>3</sup> (Days)	Baseline	31	179	185	Less payback than baseline

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<sup>1</sup> Calculated per ASHRAE, "HVAC Duct Construction Standards" and NABIA Floorplan Sheet Duct Construction Manual.  
<sup>2</sup> Per ASHRAE, "HVAC Air Duct Leakage Test Manual".  
<sup>3</sup> Based on \$2 / kWh.  
<sup>4</sup> Based on 1990 Mechanical Cost Data, 1990.

## Pre-inspection agreements vital to home inspection

(IHIT) – When planning to buy or sell a home it is important to remember that the single most important aspect to consider in the consumer-home inspector relationship is the requirement for the inspector to provide a pre-inspection agreement spelling out just what the consumer will and will not receive as a result of the inspection.

According to David Hetzel, founder and president of the 14-year old Home Inspection Institute, "It's not enough for an inspector to just look at things. The consumer needs to know, in writing, about the conditions the inspector observes – whether they be favorable or unfavorable to the prospective buyer."

"Where accessible," the Home Inspection Institute's "Standards of Care for The Home Inspection Professional" portends, "the inspector shall visually inspect and report" on the various components. It's just such reporting that protects the prospective homeowner from hidden interior and exterior controversy.

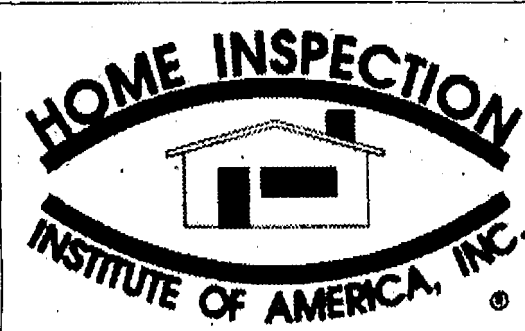
"Supporting this strict position, affordable professional liability insurance premiums are available for those home inspectors who adhere to the Institute's high standards because of the decreased number of claims," says Hetzel.

Among a group of a dozen proactive states currently regulating home inspectors, all twelve have adopted formal guidelines that reflect increasing levels of concern among regulators. Wary homeowners will want to review these guidelines and become familiar with the standards and regulations in their location.

In Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon,

Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin, licensing officials have addressed such consumer confidence issues as: (1) written pre-inspection agreements between the inspector and consumer; (2) the number and kind of components to be inspected in an individual residence; (3) actual reporting requirements; and (4) the insurability of inspection process. The result for many informed homeowners will be written agreements establishing in advance the inspector's scope, and a substantially more detailed inspection report which can contribute positively to the prospective home-owner's peace of mind.

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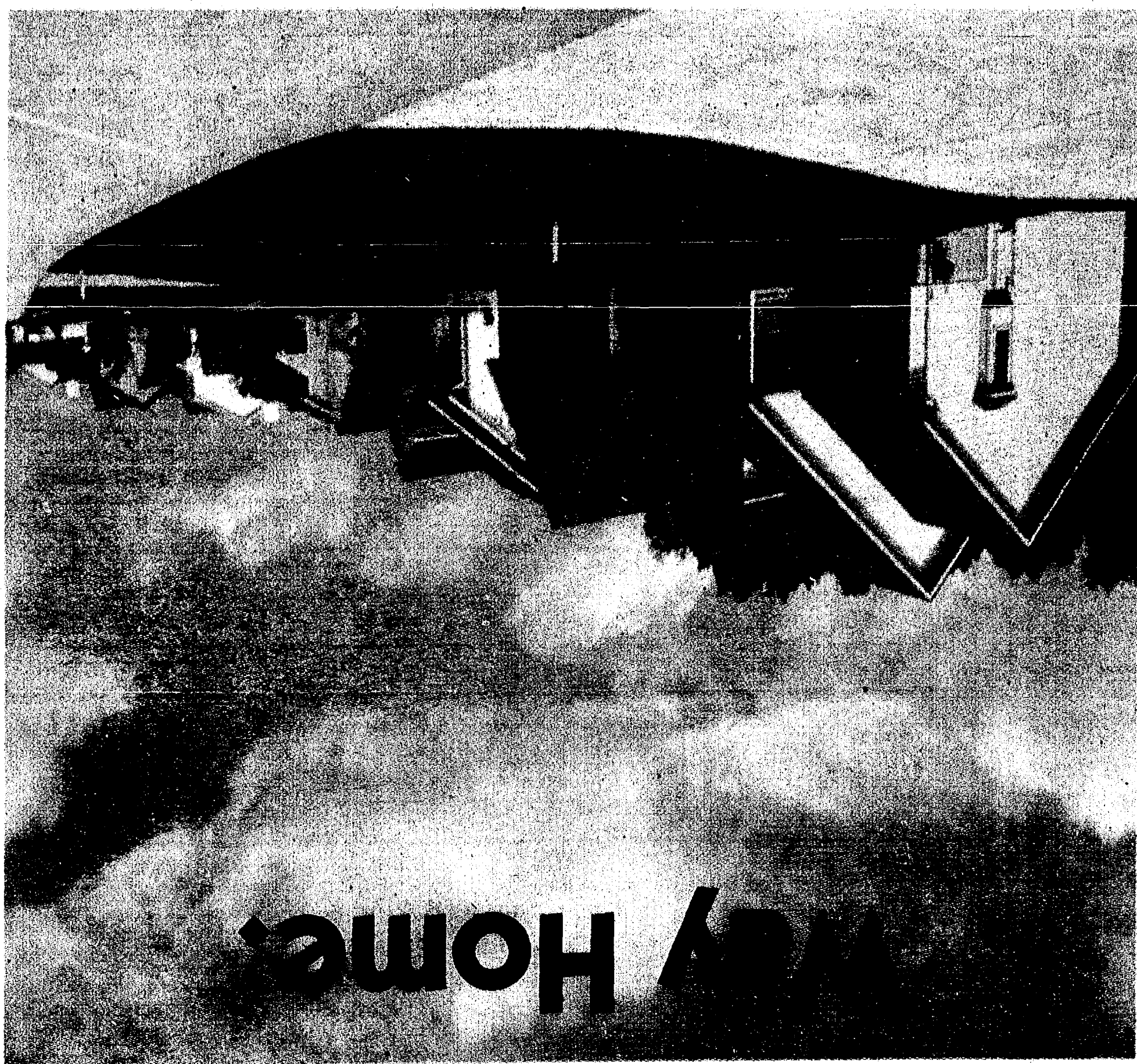
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